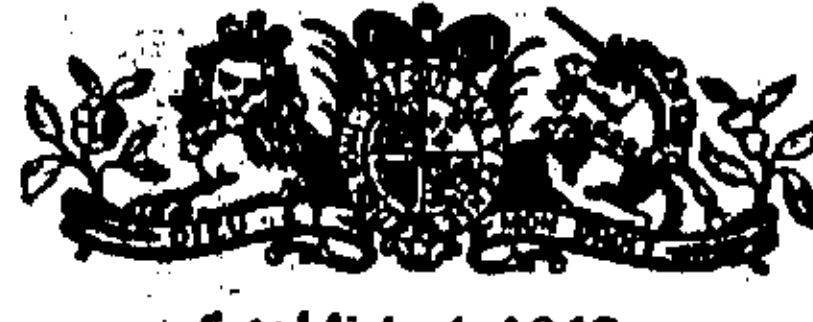


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Westfield, Mass., Jan. 7. At least eight people died here when fire swept a business and residential building and all five floors collapsed in a tangle of flaming wreckage early today.

Fourteen were at first believed dead but later police and Red Cross officials said that six had been accounted for.

Fourteen others were injured, 12 of them seriously, and damage was estimated at more than one million dollars.

Water poured on the flames quickly turned to ice.—Reuter.

New Posts For Erskine And Evans

London, Jan. 7. General Francis Wogan Festing, assistant Chief of Staff in General Dwight Eisenhower's European Headquarters, will relieve General Sir George Erskine, British Commander-in-Chief in Egypt, next April, the War Office announced today.

Officers said the change in command was in accordance with the decision announced on November 20 last year and there was no particular significance in the change.

Gen. Festing is 49 years old and six feet four inches tall. He led an infantry brigade through the Madagascar campaign in World War II which the War Office said called for "military skill, insight and firmness in solving political problems."

The acting Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in Hongkong, General Geoffrey Charles Evans, will be called on to succeed General Francis Festing, Chief of Organisation and Training Services at SHAPE, the London Evening News reported tonight.—United Press and France-Press.

17½ oz Egg Laid

Hoesen, Westphalia, Jan. 7. A hen here has laid an egg weighing 17 and a half ounces. It was a soft-shelled egg with two yolks.—Reuter.

Mr Butler's Bad News

DISCLOSES BRITAIN'S GRAVE ECONOMIC SITUATION

London, Jan. 7.

Mr Richard Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stressed the gravity of Britain's economic crisis when he addressed a Press conference tonight after the Treasury announcement about Britain's losses in gold and dollar reserves.

If the drain on Britain's reserves continued unchanged at the rate of the last quarter, it would take Britain only about another three months to be back where she started when the Pound was devalued in September, 1949, Mr Butler said.

At that time reserves hit the post-war low of \$1,340 million. Britain's mounting cuts and announced in November had hardly yet been able to improve the financial situation, Mr Butler said, but they would do so increasingly from next month onwards.

But the rate of loss in the last two months of 1951 had been so great that further action would be needed in 1952 in addition to import cuts. The Chancellor foreshadowed.

DISCUSSIONS

1.—Britain would discuss the dollar situation with her partners in the Sterling Area for whom Britain is the banker, at a conference of Commonwealth Finance Ministers opening next week.

2.—She expected in time to benefit from the work being done in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation on sharing the common defence burden.

3.—Policies were rapidly being shaped to enable a large part of Britain's metal-using industry to increase exports still further.

4.—When Parliament re-assembled Government would announce a further series of measures to concentrate on essential tasks, especially the expansion of exports and to permit them more efficiently.

In conclusion, Mr Butler said that no one should doubt that

Britain's ability to keep Sterling strong.—Reuter.

THE POSITION

London, Jan. 7. Britain's losses in gold and dollar reserves in the fourth quarter of 1951 amounted to \$934,000,000, the British Treasury announced today.

This was the highest loss on record.

This followed losses totalling \$598,000,000 in the previous three months and brought the British reserves of dollars and gold on December 31 down to \$2,335 million compared with \$3,269 million in September 30.

As previously announced, the gold and dollar deficit of the Sterling Area in October was \$320,000,000.

The total deficit for the quarter was \$940,000,000. But he later said Marshall Aid receipts of \$6,000,000 cut the loss to \$934,000,000.—Reuter.

CANADA'S RESERVES

Ottawa, Jan. 7. Canada's reserves of gold and United States dollars stood at US\$1,779,000,000 on December 31, the Finance Department announced here tonight.

This was an increase of \$169,000,000 over the figure for September 30, 1951.

On December 31, 1950, the holdings were \$1,742,000,000.—Reuter.

PLAN TO STREAMLINE N.A.T.O.

Japan's Future Foreign Policy A Top Subject At Washington Talks

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Jan. 7.

Japan's future foreign policy after ratification of the peace treaty is said to be the key topic in the Washington conversations between President Truman and Mr Winston Churchill and Mr Anthony Eden.

However, there is in progress some reconsidering of positions and a remaking of plans. Until a few days ago it was the determined British view that Japanese trade with the Chinese mainland should be encouraged and should become the major economic and political factor in the future of the Far East.

Mr Churchill and Mr Eden set out to Washington with the staunch determination to defend Britain's recognition of the Peking Government—and by so doing to support the stand of the Yoshida Government in its rejection of Mr John Foster Dulles' recent proposals.

Britain stood for the maximum of independence in Japan's foreign policy.

The British delegation has now been put off the balance by the Russian Press campaign following publication of Stalin's New Year message to the Japanese people.

The gist of this campaign is that Japan must trade with Communist China, that Japan must maintain "neutrality" in the East, and that Japan must pay more for American coal and iron than she would for Chinese coal and iron.

In other words, Moscow radio has suddenly taken up the same line of argument that the British diplomats were intending to employ with greater subtlety in Washington.

This is most embarrassing and makes it almost impossible for Mr Churchill to sing in Washington songs that are already coming from Moscow radio.

THREE POSSIBILITIES

It is assumed here that this campaign in the Soviet Press is a deliberate and well-timed move. Experts here are hard at work trying to decide which of the following alternative reasons correctly explains this Soviet "pre-Washington" gambit. Either

1. The Soviet Union fears Sino-Japanese trade and friendship and would prefer to see the policy suggested by Mr Dulles carried out—including Japanese recognition of Chiang Kai-shek—and therefore the Soviet is making it deliberately embarrassing for Mr Eden to persuade Mr Dean Acheson of the correctness of the British and future Japanese recognition of Peking; or

2. The Soviet Union is making a clumsy mistake in trying again to expand a small Anglo-American difference of opinion into a major disharmony; or

3. Moscow radio may have blundered and is revealing the real desires of the "Moscow-Peking bloc" to trap Japan into the Communist orbit.

In that case the Soviet campaign proves that Mr Dulles is right and the British argument is wrong.

MOMENTOUS ISSUES

Obviously one of three different policies should be followed according to the decisions reached on which of the three alternative reasons for the Soviet campaign is correct.

From the first alternative it follows that the United States should decide on a shift of emphasis in her Far Eastern policy.

From the second alternative it follows that Britain must reserve her position, saying nothing for the present and taking up the issue at a later and less embarrassing moment.

From the third alternative it follows that Britain should withdraw her recognition of Peking, and Japan should agree to recognise the Formosa regime.

It will be seen that momentous issues have to be decided on the basis of an interpretation.

HIDDEN STRUGGLE

Naturally the British view is to cling to the first alternative—that Moscow is being cunning. In support of this it is argued that Mr Vyshinsky's latest "offensive" in the diplomatic arena at the United Nations has been directed to drive out the Chinese Communists, and that the Chinese Communists, who Mr Vyshinsky has proposed that a Korean armistice should be settled at the Security Council, where there is a Soviet delegate, is no representative of the

Churchill And Truman Reach Agreement

Washington, Jan. 7.

President Truman and Mr Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, agreed today to work upon a project to streamline the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and to make it more effective.

The first formal conference between the two leaders at the White House considered a wide range of problems under two headings:

Firstly, economic problems involved in the Western defence effort.

Secondly, general North Atlantic Treaty Organisation problems, including desires to simplify the present organisation.

Specific defence production questions were assigned to a small group after the 65-minute conference at the White House. The following statement was issued.

"There was a general review of the economic problems involved in the furtherance of the defence effort of the free world. Some specific defence production questions of special interest to the two Governments were referred to a smaller group. Views were also exchanged on general North Atlantic Treaty Organisation problems."

The smaller group to which specific production questions were referred is headed by Defence Mobiliser Charles E. Wilson and Lord Cherwell. Mr Churchill and President Truman, flanked by large military and economic staffs, were scheduled to hold another meeting at 10 p.m. GMT.

When they will go into a new field of discussion the White House would not identify.

IN GOOD SPIRITS

Mr Churchill seemed in exceptionally good spirits as he walked slowly through the White House lobby.

Mr Churchill left the White House at 5.45 p.m.

Several members of the British party left the White House at 5.25 p.m. and President Truman followed five minutes later.

As he left Mr Churchill was asked whether he had any statement to make. He replied, "I always borrow a most valuable American expression—No comment."

He was smoking a large cigar. The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, and the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, left with the Prime Minister.

President Truman and Mr Churchill authorised the following communiqué at the end of their meetings today:

"At this afternoon's meeting between the President and the Prime Minister, their chief military advisers were present. Several military matters were presented and received consideration. Talks will be resumed at 11 o'clock tomorrow."

Arriving at the White House at 9.49 p.m. GMT for his second formal meeting with Mr Truman, Mr Churchill was again asked if he had any statement to make on his meeting with the President.

"I am going to give you just as good as I did last time," he replied.

After this morning's meeting, he had answered "no comment" to similar questions.

PARRIES QUESTION

A reporter asked if Mr Churchill knew about General Eisenhower and the Prime Minister's reply, "I know nothing about that."

The reporter then elaborated, saying Eisenhower apparently was going to run for President. The Premier quipped: "You're going to have an election, are you? We had one not long ago, you know."

Mr Churchill again appeared in excellent spirits, as he left the White House. He smiled and enjoyed bantering with reporters. Smoking a cigar, he drove off with the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, and the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, met at the State Department 45 minutes before resumption of talks at the White House. They were understood to have discussed German problems, including the question of German disarmament. The State Department said President Truman and Mr Churchill had "deliberated certain things for them to discuss."

Jerusalem Riots

Jerusalem, Jan. 7.

An anti-German riot broke up a Parliament session today and injured 85 police and 40 civilians. The rioters, estimated at several thousand, broke through police barricades and hurled tear gas bombs and stones through Parliament windows.

With some deputies wounded and many choked by gas, the session was suspended.

The rioters were protesting against direct negotiations with Western Germany over the reparations of property of 6,000,000 Jews killed by the Nazis.—United Press.

Carlsen's Ship 150 Miles From Falmouth

London, Jan. 7.

The crippled American freighter, Flying Enterprise, floating crab-wise 150 miles off Falmouth, is expected to reach the West English port on Wednesday.

Hotels in the old Cornish port are already packed full with newsmen and photographers.

Its Town Council has arranged an informal reception for Captain Kurt Carlsen and the crew of the British tug, Turnoil, on Thursday.

Admiral W. F. Boone, the Commander of the United States naval forces in the Eastern Atlantic, paid a high tribute today in London to Captain Carlsen.

At a press conference, Admiral Boone said that if the Flying Enterprise had capsized "I think Captain Carlsen's chances would not have been more than fifty-fifty. Certainly he was in a very great personal danger, even though there were ships standing by."

—Reuter.

NEW ROMANCE PENDING?

Heraklion, Crete, Jan. 7.

Crete's 20-year-old "Juliet," whose runaway marriage has broken up in the glare of publicity, may marry again.

Her father, Liberal Deputy Manolis Petrakochiorghis, was said today to have had an offer of marriage for Juliet—her real name is Tassoula—from a Crete-born American.—Reuter.

Pleven Government Falls

Smiles In Defeat

Paris, Jan. 7.

Premier Rene Pleven's five-month-old Cabinet collapsed tonight.

The French National Assembly ousted the coalition government after hearing a final plea from Pleven for a freer hand to deal with the economic situation in this hand-picked country.

The defeat came when he demanded power to cut the 140,000,000,000 Franc deficit of the nationalised railway system.

The Socialists, which have supported the Cabinet on most issues, broke away on this one. Many of the railway workers are Socialists and the Party leadership feared economies on the roads would result in large-scale firings and so decided earlier today to oppose the government demands.

CARETAKER CABINET

The Assembly vote was announced as 341 against Pleven to 243 for.

Some experts said Pleven had a good chance to get his job back. But all agreed there would be a long period first in which France would drag along with a caretaker Cabinet—perhaps a month or more.

After the announcement of the vote Pleven strode out of the Chamber smiling to write his letter of resignation. With him were two members of his Cabinet either of whom may succeed him—Defence Minister Georges Bidault of the Popular Republican Movement (MRP) and Henri Queuille, Minister without Portfolio, a Radical Socialist. Both have served as Premier in the past. Pleven is a member of the small Democratic Socialist Union of (Continued on back page, Col. 1)

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Equality Of Relations

THAT Mr Churchill's visit to Washington has got off to a good start is encouraging, but not surprising. The sincerity with which the British Prime Minister invests all his actions and his statements has never, nor could it ever fail to impress his critics as much as his friends and admirers. Mr Churchill numbers among the most important objectives of his mission the re-strengthening of Anglo-American relations. He, as well as the Americans, realise that the old war-time partnership based on equality has changed by circumstances and default, and it will require all of Mr Churchill's genius to mollify this situation. Undoubtedly the most striking example of the decline of Anglo-American post-war relations is the very limited collaboration in the atomic field. It was under Mr Churchill that an agreement for the complete sharing of atomic secrets was signed between the United States, Britain and Canada. But after the war "atomic relations" deteriorated, and the Socialists Government was unable to prevent it; in this field it lacked confidence. One outcome has been the MacMahon Act which prohibits the United States from sharing any military atomic secrets with any other nation, and when Mr Churchill comes to discuss the subject with President Truman and his advisers he will find this piece of legislation a difficult brick wall to surmount. Nevertheless, Mr Churchill and his Government have done three things since coming to power which have favourably impressed the Americans and which are calculated to help the Prime Minister in his mission. The new Government has made a positive attempt to reduce the temperature between East and West—if only in a manner of speech. It has shown realism and resolution in dealing with Britain's economic crisis. And it has set out to undo some of the socialisation

imposed during the Labour Government's term of office. All three efforts have made their impression on the American mind. The excellent reception which Mr Eden's restrained attitude to Russia created in the United States some weeks ago demonstrated the changed line of popular thought in America. The impression left is that Americans are becoming tired of name-calling and want to see a lessening of world tension. Less certain is American reaction to Britain's economic crisis. It is natural there should be some bewilderment in the United States in consequence of the announcement a few months ago that Britain would require no more Marshall Aid which has since been followed by the revelation that the nation's gold and dollar resources and her balance of payments are at the lowest ebb in history. Americans will probably expect Mr Churchill to ask for a substantial loan to help the country out of its plight; and this is almost certainly the last thing the Prime Minister will seek. There are other ways in which the United States could give valuable assistance without too severe demands being made on its financial resources or economy. Permission for the free use of sterling to pay for hard-currency purchases would be a tangible and valuable concession; so too would be a temporary easing of import tariffs. Britain, for her part, has promised increased production and more austere measures to prevent inflationary spending. In the British domestic market, Mr Churchill will have his opportunity of explaining the whole position to the American public when he addresses Congress this week and it is not undue optimism to anticipate that reactions will be sympathetic and favourable, and that the way will be opened for a new equality of relations between Britain and the United States.

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Hot Action For Korean Outpost

Seoul, Jan. 3.

Allied infantrymen on the Western front fought fiercely for the 11th day yesterday (Monday) to regain a prized outpost position they lost to Red armoured troops on December 28.

United Nations troops, edging painfully toward the objective, threw back two Communist attacks yesterday and then launched a vicious counter-attack of their own, an Allied communique said last night.

At 1.35 p.m., the battle still raged—a continuing flare of hot action on the relatively quiet 145-mile Korean war front.

The scene is in relatively open country, West of Korumgo, where the war has grimly featured grenade-tossing, hand-to-hand combat, roaring artillery exchanges and at least one big air strike in the early days. In the first four days of the engagement the enemy lost an estimated 40 casualties.

Both sides have brought tanks or self-propelled guns into play. Elements of an enemy battalion are locked in the see-saw struggle.

AIR BATTLE

In the air war F-86 Sabre jets, outnumbered two to one, sent two MIGs crashing to earth and damaged two others in what the Fifth Air Force described as a fierce battle South of Uiju yesterday. It was the second day of hot action that brought claims for Allied jets to seven MIGs downed. Whether all Allied planes returned safely from the two days of fighting was not known since the Air Force is following a new policy of not announcing its own losses until the end of the week.

Under this policy, the full outcome of the Sunday and Monday air battles will be announced on Saturday.

Other warplanes continued to pound enemy supply and transportation systems. Six hundred and fifteen effective sorties were flown by dusk yesterday and 35 supply buildings, 19 vehicles, three locomotives, seven field pieces and 11 anti-aircraft gun positions were claimed as destroyed or damaged.

ATTACK BEATEN OFF

Approximately 165 troops casualties were inflicted, the Air Force announced.

In the Korumgo area action yesterday, an enemy company attack was thrown off by Eighth Army troops in a 30-minute engagement ending at 3.15 a.m. An enemy platoon attacked in a quarter hour fight ending at 3 a.m.

Then United Nations soldiers attacked at 7.05 a.m. and tangled with an enemy group of undetermined strength near an important hill position. The Allied infantrymen withdrew slightly at 7.30 a.m., directed artillery fire on the enemy and then resumed the attack.

On the Eastern front east of the Mundung-ni Valley, a UN patrol was heavily engaged from

Collective Security Proposals Discussed In The UN Political Committee

AMENDMENTS ACCEPTED

Paris, Jan. 7.

The 11 sponsors of the collective security measures resolution now before the Political Committee today accepted an Arab-Asian amendment, which would ensure all States' final freedom of action on any measures contemplated in their territory.

They also accepted a Chilean-Mexican-Colombian amendment, emphasising that the measures would not prejudice internal security and would be subject to the capacity of each State.

Mr Stuart Carson of Canada told the Political Committee in his speech today that the Arab-Asian and Latin-American amendments had been accepted because they were distinct improvements and he hoped these States would now be able to vote for the revised resolution.

The three Western powers and Brazil today tabled an amendment to the earlier Soviet resolution, which would have the effect of consenting whenever it would "usefully serve to remove the tension at present existing in international relations."

The four-power amendment reads: "The General Assembly recommends the Security Council, in accordance with Article 20 of the Charter, to convene a periodic meeting to consider what measures might ensure the removal of the tension at present existing in international relations and the establishment of friendly relations between countries, whenever such a meeting would usefully serve to remove such tension and establish such friendly relations in the furtherance of the purposes and principles of the Charter."

The Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Vyshinsky, today declared that the "periodic" Security Council meeting he had proposed could discuss Korea without interfering with the cease-fire negotiations at Panmunjom. He told the United Nations Political Committee in debating the Western-backed collective security scheme that perhaps the Foreign Ministers or special representatives attending such a Security Council meeting might find a recipe to help the negotiators at Panmunjom, but pointed out that this would not be an alternative to the truce talks.

BRITISH VIEWS

The British delegate, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, earlier called the demand for the meeting unrealistic, though he agreed the such meetings should prove useful. Turning to M. Vyshinsky, sitting at his side, he said: "If the Soviet Union wishes international tension to be reduced, we are ready to start with him right now on this task."

Opening the afternoon debate, the Indian delegate said that India would abstain in the vote on the resolution. But she reserved her position on the Soviet call for a "high level" Security Council meeting to consider world tension and Korea.

He said the Western resolution (which calls for a "shadow army") might increase mutual ill-will. Recommendations at the General Assembly were not as binding on members as decisions of the Security Council and if some members carried them out and not others, particularly against the views of one of the big powers, "there is a grave danger of a large-scale war."

Pakistan said she would support the Western resolution. The Western resolution called on all 60 members of the United Nations to hold forces ready for use against a potential aggressor.

U.S. ACCUSATION

Dr Munoz, Argentina, feared the Western plan might do more harm than good. He would abstain on paragraphs which ask States to hold forces ready and to survey their resources with the aim of joining in collective measures.

The American delegate, Mr Ben Cohen, said that M. Vyshinsky had "introduced into our debate a destructive tone."

Most of the Soviet arguments, he said, had been answered last year in the debate on the "uniting for peace" measure which had been carried by 52 votes to five, with three abstentions.

Mr Cohen said: "We do not want to see high level conferences convened as a sounding board for harangues, which may aggravate and not reduce the dangers of war."

"World peace would not be advanced by having the Foreign Ministers listen in the Security Council to such invectives by the Soviet Union Foreign Minister as we have heard in this committee."

The Committee adjourned to tomorrow when it is due to vote upon the resolution.—Reuter.

"Humane" Form Of Warfare

Washington, Jan. 7.

United States radiological warfare experts are investigating the war potentialities of atomic dust as a weapon to "dehumanise" enemy cities without destruction of life or property.

Manufacture of atomic dust is no problem. It already exists in the radioactive waste materials from atomic piles.

Its use in wartime to contaminate enemy cities or battle positions would represent a humane form of warfare since inhabitants would not be seriously injured or killed if they evacuated the affected areas within 24 hours.

European and United States scientists say that in theory the silent and invisible atomic dust weapon could lead to bloodless victories in which not a life would be lost or a building damaged.

An eminent Austrian authority, Professor Hans Thirring, maintains that modern atomic plants can produce in a relatively short time enough radioactive by-products to contaminate all the major cities of Europe.

When scattered in sufficient quantities over a city or defense installation in the form of dust, these by-products with their dangerous but invisible gamma rays could force an enemy to abandon them until such time as the radioactivity had died down.

A-BOMB STORY DISCOUNTED

London, Jan. 7.

The Ministry of Supply, the department which deals with atomic research, today discounted a statement in a Washington magazine that "Britain has made an atom bomb and may have exploded it on the United States proving grounds."

A spokesman recalled that the McMahon Act prohibits the explosion of other than American atomic bombs on American territory.—Reuter.

Freak Triplet Birth

West Runton, Jan. 7.

A 24-year-old mother gave birth to the second and third members of a set of triplets last night—a week after the first arrived.

The baby born in 1951 was a boy weighing four pounds.

Those who made their debut in 1952 were another boy, weighing 4 lb. 5 oz., and a girl, weighing three pounds, 11 ounces. They were born within 10 minutes of one another.

"Mother and babies are all doing very well," said a hospital spokesman. Mother of the triplets is Mrs Emerald Gaul of Cromer. She has named them David (the eldest), Nigel and Anthea. — Associated Press.

A POLIO WEDDING CEREMONY

Syracuse, N.Y., Jan. 7.

Dorothy Raymer and Robert Haskins, young victims of polio, were honeymooning today after a week-end wedding ceremony at which all the attendants and most of the guests were paralysed victims who got around with the aid of steel braces, crutches and canes.

The 26-year-old bride, stricken when she was an infant and confined to a wheel-chair until she was 15, walked proudly down the aisle of the First Wesleyan Church here on special white crutches.

Her eyes sparkled under a white veil and the flowing gown hid the leg braces.

Haskins, paralysed when he was 16, met the bride at the altar with the aid of canes, while the best man, Robert Crawford, pushed into the church sanctuary in a wheel-chair.

Rita Gillan, trembling bridesmaid, walked down the aisle on satin topped crutches but kept time with the beat of the Wedding March.

"I never saw anything like it," the Rev. William Montgomery said after the ceremony.—United Press.

TRADE UNIONS APPEAL

Paris, Jan. 7.

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions have sent to the United Nations an appeal for "lasting peace and security," stressing six points.

1.—Rapid conclusion of an armistice in Korea.

2.—Suspension of external aid to armed rebellions against the constitutional governments of Vietnam and Malaya.

3.—Suppression of threats to the independence of Yugoslavia.

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5.—Free elections throughout Germany.

6.—Revision of the Italian peace treaty, giving equality of rights to the Italian people.—Reuter.

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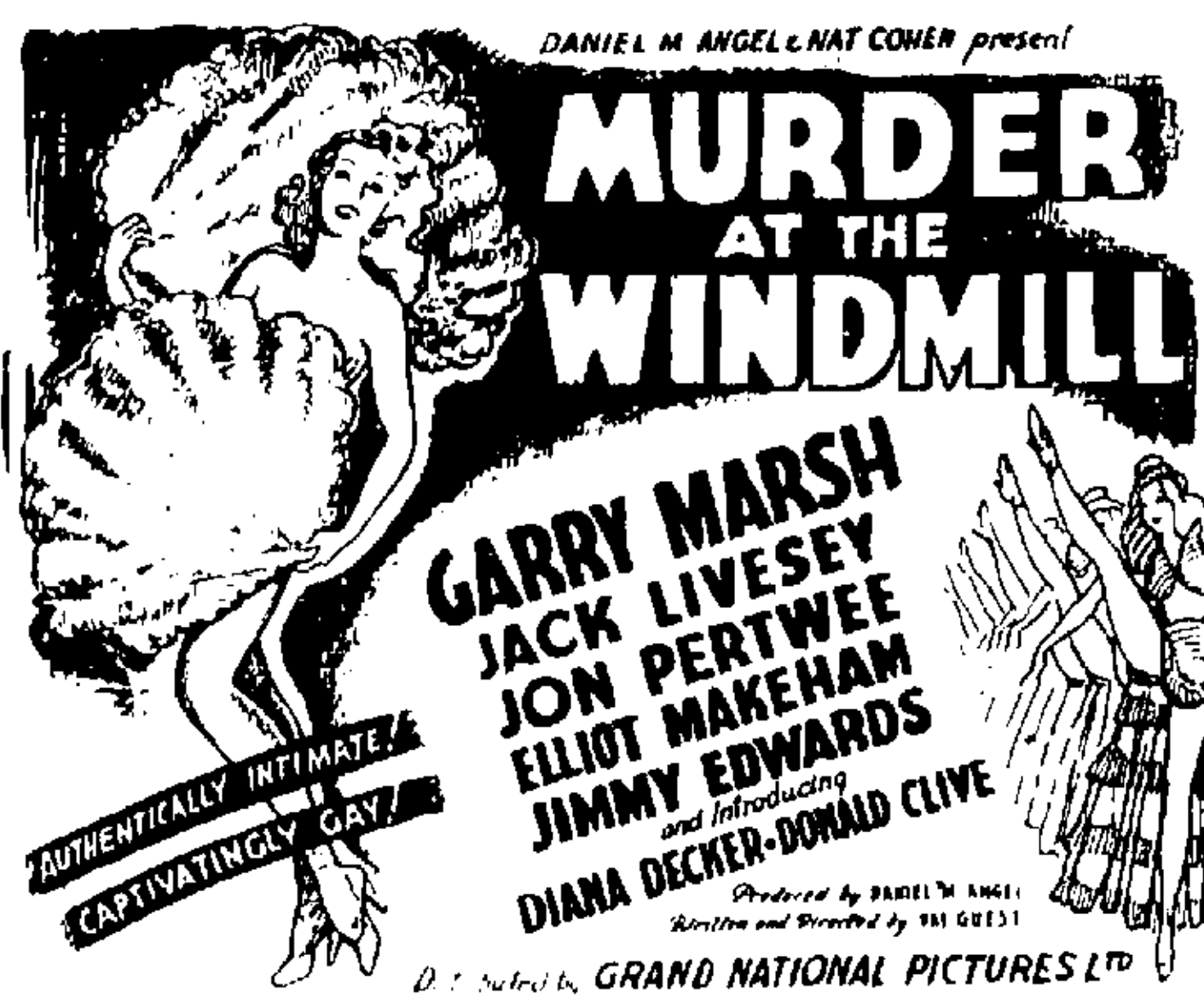
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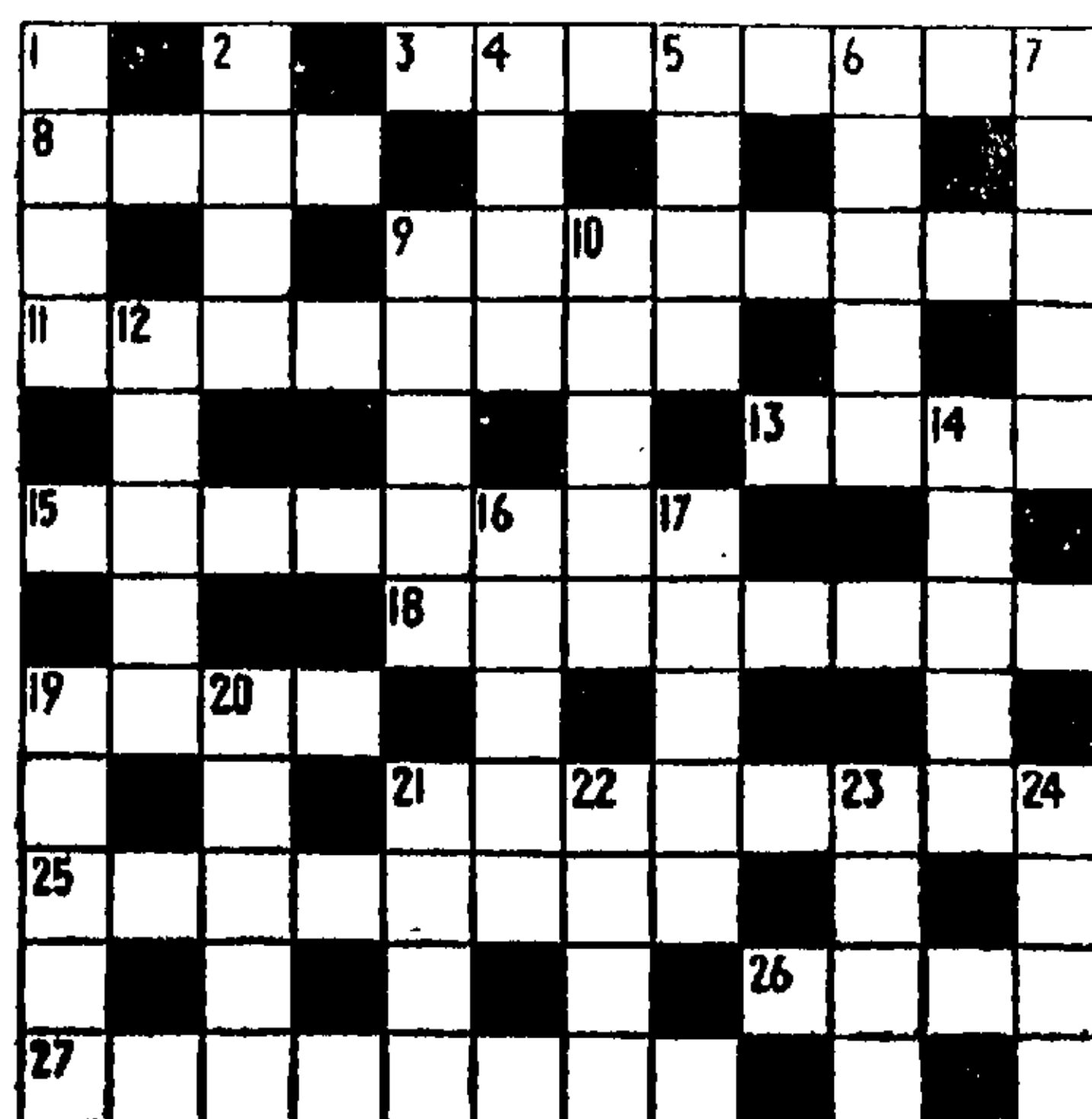
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- 13 Increases (4).
- 15 Turned aside (8).
- 18 Envelop (8).
- 19 Places (4).
- 21 Protective garment (8).
- 25 Yielded (8).
- 26 Loud noise (4).
- 27 Control (8).

DOWN

- 1 Accurate (4).
- 2 Labour (4).
- 4 Wise (4).
- 5 Grain (4).
- 6 Observed (5).
- 7 Ancestors (6).
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- 12 Din (5).
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HUNGARY FREES U.S. AIRMEN



Hungary released four U.S. Air Force men, whose plane had been forced down in Hungarian territory, after the U.S. had paid a "ransom" of \$14,000 demanded by a Hungarian military court as fines for the airmen's "intentional violation" of the frontier. Photo shows three of the airmen being greeted when they arrived by air in West Germany.—London Express Photo.

American Airlines Battle Over Global Services

Washington, Jan. 7. "Handsome profits" of Howard Hughes were an issue as the global air route fight between two skyway giants—Trans World Airlines and Pan American World Airways—entered its second phase today.

The contest is developing before the Civil Aeronautics Board at a hearing to determine what should be done about overseas service certificates of both lines when the permits expire next July.

Long Distance RAF Flights

Manby, Lines, Jan. 7. A Royal Air Force Hastings "Mike" took off from Manby today on the start of a three-weeks' mission tour of United States Air Force and naval bases. It was the first of six long-distance flights by Royal Air Force Flying College which, in the next month, will do more than 100,000 miles. In the next 48 hours, other planes are taking off from Manby for Canada, Alaska, New Zealand, Australia and Japan. Long-distance trips come at the end of a year's course at the College for pilots and navigators destined for high posts in the Royal Air Force.—Reuter.

Satellites Ignore UN Invitation

Paris, Jan. 7. Four Communist countries—Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary—have failed to reply to United Nations invitations to send representatives to Paris to discuss the repatriation of Greek children held in those countries. This was announced today in the Special Political Committee which adjourned its debate on the problem last November so that efforts could be made to settle the question through direct discussions. Sven Gustafson (Sweden) told the Committee today that telegrams had been despatched on November 20 to the four Governments to send representatives no later than December 15. "We now have to regard as a failure this effort to bring this humanitarian problem a step nearer to a solution," he said. For this reason he suggested that there was no longer reason to keep the Committee's discussion of the problem adjourned.—Reuter.

ECONOMIC EXPERTS TO STUDY PROBLEM OF MATERIALS

Washington Talks Result

President Truman and the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, today instructed a special committee of economic experts to examine the problem of raw materials—including Britain's steel requirements—and report back to them tomorrow.

That was the most significant question discussed by the two heads of State in the first of their four meetings at the White House. The session lasted an hour and five minutes. The two will get together for more talks at 10 p.m. GMT (6 a.m. HK Standard Time today).

Britain has been reported to be seeking large quantities of American steel but persons familiar with today's proceedings said no figure was mentioned. The U.S. with enormous steel manufacturing resources, was said to be in need of tin which Britain produces in quantity in Malaya.

The morning's meeting covered two points on the agenda—economic problems of the Western defence effort and general problems of NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

During the afternoon session it was expected that military problems of the Western and particularly the European defence drive would be looked into in some detail—presumably covering atomic energy and weapons developments.

Joseph Short, White House Press Secretary, made public a joint Anglo-American statement.

It said: "There was a general review of the economic problems involved in the furtherance of the defence effort of the free world."

"Some specific defence production questions of special interest to the two Governments were referred to a small group."

"Views were also exchanged on general NATO problems." Mr Short said that the specific defence production questions, including the steel problem, were turned over to a group headed by Charles E. Wilson, U.S. Mobilisation Chief, and Lord Cherwell, British Paymaster-General.—Associated Press.

SENATE FUNCTION

Washington, Jan. 7. The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, will be the guest of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee on Wednesday for lunch, Mr. Tom Connally, committee chairman, announced today.

Mr Connally indicated that Mr Churchill would be unable to attend the lunch since he would be in Canada at that time.—France-Press.

U.S. Mission To Sudan

Khartoum, Jan. 7. The United States is sending two State Department officials to the Sudan next week to secure first-hand information on the present state of feeling in the country.

The United States is known to have raised informally with Britain the possibility of admitting King Farouk's claim to be "King of Egypt and the Sudan". The two officials being sent to the Sudan are Mr. Wells Stabler, head of the division handling Egyptian and Sudanese affairs of the State Department in Washington, and Mr. Gordon Mottison, Minister at the Cairo Embassy. Mr Stabler is due to arrive in Khartoum from Washington on January 10. He and Mr Mottison will visit provincial centres before returning to Khartoum on January 20.—Reuter.

Star's Husband In Court

San Francisco, Jan. 7. Walter Wanger, husband of movie actress Joan Bennett, pleaded in court today that he was not guilty, because of temporary insanity, of having attempted to murder his wife's friend, Jennings Lang, last December. Wanger's lawyer told the Press that proof that his client was not in his usual frame of mind was that he shot Lang in the groin and that some bullets still remained in his gun after he had fired. The trial was set for February 10 and Wanger was ordered to submit to a psychiatric examination.—France-Press.

Astrologer's Predictions For 1952

Cairo, Jan. 7. Mohamed Amin El Feky, well-known Egyptian astrologer, who says he got his science from Pharaonic documents he possesses, gives the following predictions for 1952:

- (1) There will be no war, but the cold war will continue between East and West.
- (2) A European king will die in the second half of the year.
- (3) The tension between Egypt and Britain will end and British troops will retire to Gaza where a new base will be built with American assistance.
- (4) Princess Margaret Rose will marry a foreign prince.
- (5) The Sterling Pound will strengthen and will become convertible in foreign currencies.
- (6) The Churchill Cabinet will remain in power in England and Nubas Pasha will continue to govern Egypt.
- (7) There will be a strong secession movement in South Africa but in spite of this the Dominion will remain in the Commonwealth.
- (8) The Korean war will end and will be turned in South-east Asia and more European troops will be despatched there.
- (9) The Franco regime will collaborate with the West and Spain will be included in the Atlantic Pact.
- (10) Stalin's health will fall and he will be replaced by Molotov.—London Express Service.

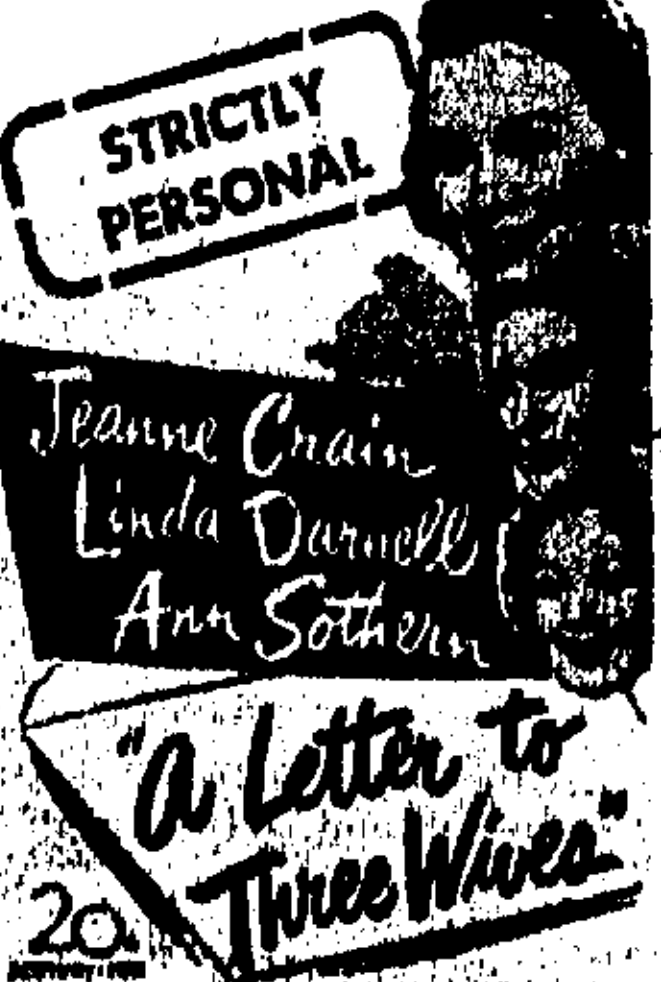
NO POLITICAL BEARING

Brussels, Jan. 7. In agreeing to Amin Fud Bey's appointment as Egypt's new Ambassador, Belgium made it clear that the acceptance of his credentials, which will be in the name of the King of Egypt and the Sudan, is considered by the Belgian Government as having no political bearing. The Foreign Office announced here today. Amin Fud Bey is to replace Ahmed Rasheed as Ambassador in Brussels.—Reuter.

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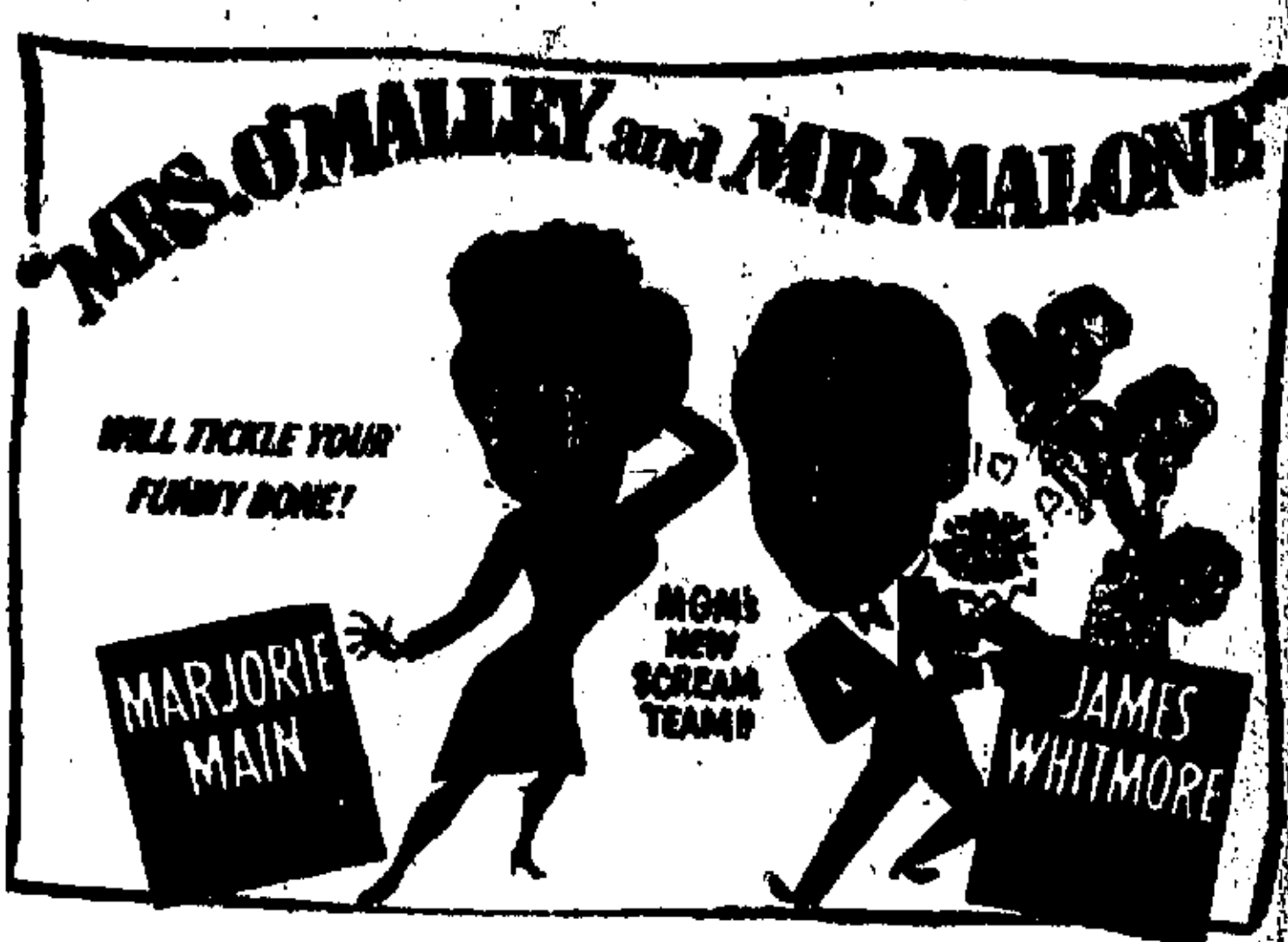
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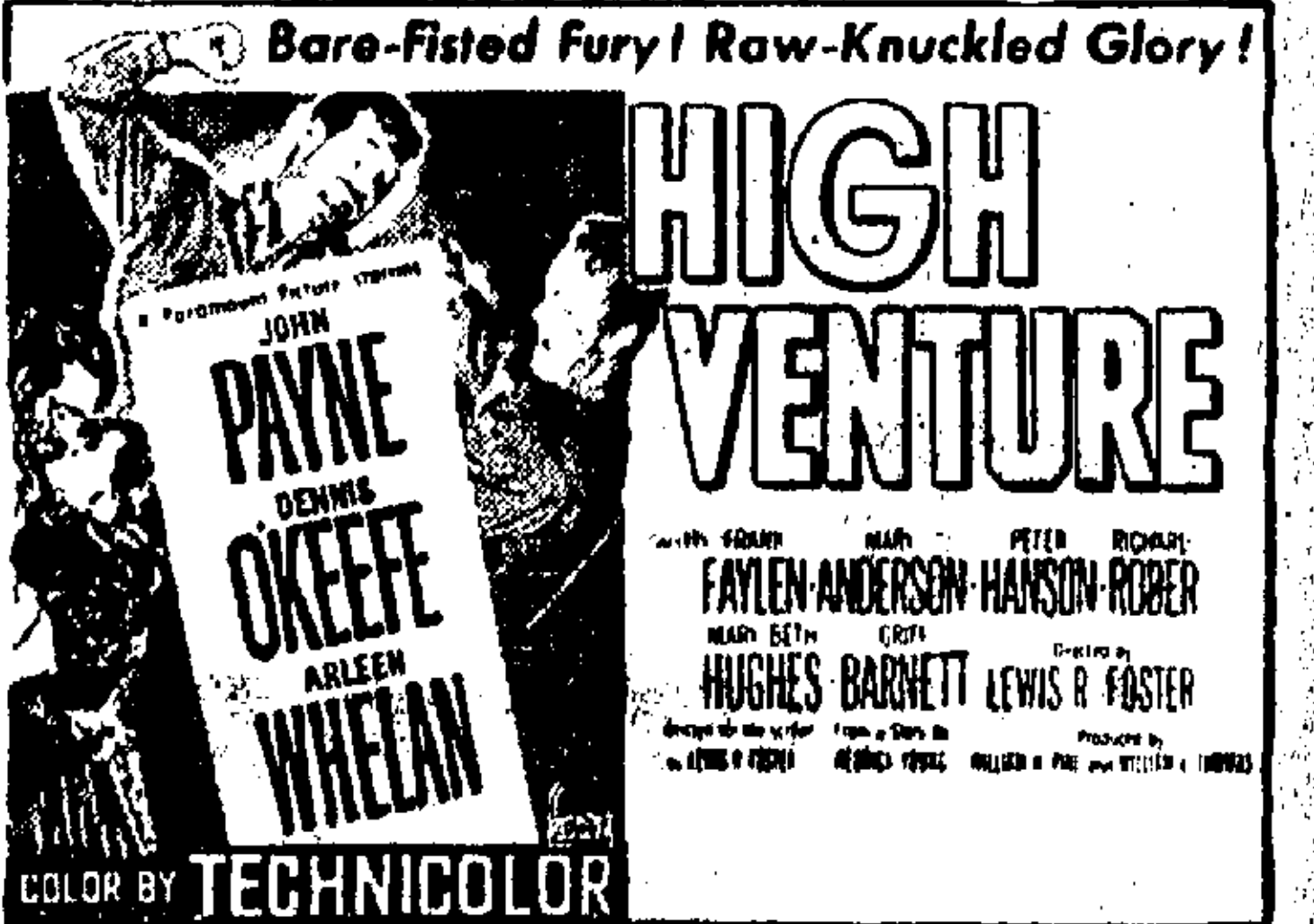
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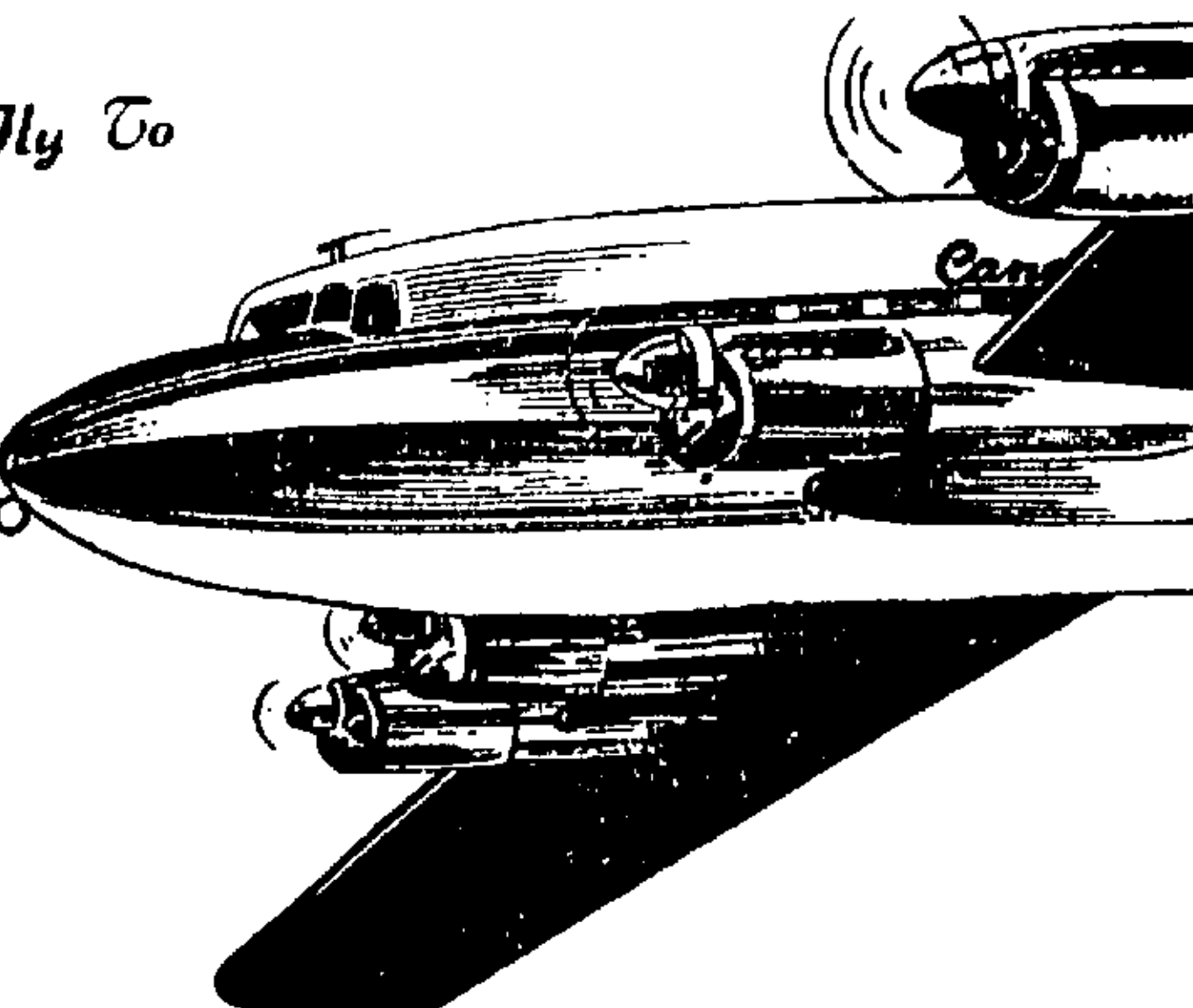




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WHAT MAKES BRITAIN TICK?

by William Barkley

LONDON.
WHAT makes a nation get going and keep going? What makes a man tick?

How comes it that this little island, which the Ancients regarded as the last spot of desolation in the known world, grew to be the leader of the modern era, the mother of invention, the cradle of power?

Ah, ha! I have you here! Ask the questions. You answer them.

Everybody tells us we have to work harder if we are to maintain our standards in a nation burdened with arms and bureaucracy.

What is the future—smaller lives, emptier plates, shrinking freedom? Or shall we go forward with good will and enthusiasm to reap, for us all, the fruits of the most wonderful flowering of mechanical genius ever known?

Now I can talk with perfect understanding.

What is the origin of slow motion? I think it occurred years ago while men were repairing my bomb—damage house.

As soon as they got their coats off they inquired if they could boil a kettle to make tea. Then a young lad asked to borrow a bicycle because, if he cycled three miles to his depot, he could get a bottle of milk free to help with the tea. He was to be called up for national service in a few months and gave not a rap whether he earned his money or not.

I did not have to pay them except as a contributor to the bomb damage scheme. Nobody bothered. If the cold wind blows through a broken window on a new-born babe, why worry? That spirit did not build Britain, will not keep her Great.

At other times I have seen men licking into an urgent repair task, tossing bricks like ping-pong balls.

The silly thing is that these busy boys are infinitely happier than the idlers.

This Stop

HOW comes it that (according to the Financial Times) the Germans in a year have built 75 houses per 10,000 of their population against 39 per 10,000 in Britain?

Must we be defeated in war (a condition unknown to us) before our imagination forges a future of rust and corruption and veridigris of everything we value in life going to ruin—unless we stir our stumps?

A doctor tells me of a Yorkshire pit where the miner stops

☆ **Morale**
IN these modern and sophisticated times, we too often think of morale as something to be purchased in material things. We seem to believe that confidence and courage are produced solely by a full stomach, warm clothing, and a roof over the head. Reasonable and decent standards of this kind are of course necessary to life itself, but true morale is like a flame produced by direct appeal to the heart of man and to his noblest instincts. GENERAL DUFFIELD EISENHOWER.

work whenever he has earned £12; because beyond that he is taxed heavily.

Now, there is not a preacher in the land inveighs so bitterly against tax as I do. Dear beloved brethren, come round to the vestry after the sermon, I will dilate on this subject in words unfit for the pulpit.

This Virus

IT is no good the people—or their representatives—demanding and passing endless laws which mean vast expenditure, and then dodging work rather than pay tax. Get the tax down. But get the coal up meanwhile.

What has no one a heart for the working man who seeks to come home to the bonny blink of a cheery fireside? Confound the politicians. Snap out of it.

One lazy man can infect the virus of lethargy into 99 around him. But then one good leader can inspire a whole group.

We hear of trades unions moving against members who work too hard. Let's have more joint action against the fellow who has to be carried.

Let employers, managements, and Government devote themselves to curing the modern disease of frustration, which arises because so many industrial processes need no skill and so many dirty jobs are unrewarding.

This Danger

FEAR, hope of reward, and pride in the job are historically the great incentives. And of these fear among us is a dwindling force.

It is a wonderful history, the independence of the British working man. Down the centuries he has trembled before kings, nobles, squires, and capitalist bosses. Now, in his mind, he has dismissed the lot.

He fears neither thrones nor principalities nor the hell fire nor the sack. Great is his dignity. How splendid to stand on his own feet with head upraised, fearing God but no man.

Now he has nothing to fear, except himself.

Beware there, brethren. After your many triumphs and overthrow of tyranny you may have raised up in yourselves the most dangerous foe of all.

WONDERFUL CHILDREN—AND THE THINGS THEY CAN DO

ALL through the ages the child prodigy has been a strange and perplexing human problem.

How do they come to be prodigies? What is the chance of your child being a prodigy? Is a prodigy likely to retain exceptional brilliance throughout life?

Many parents have asked these questions. Science answers that the strangest of all facts about prodigies is that they are mostly boys.

Out of every 1,000 children born, 50 are bright, 20 are brilliant, but only one is a prodigy.

The rare all-round mental prodigies—a million to one chance—mostly burn themselves out in a few years.

Christian Heinke, born at Lubbeck, Germany, in 1771, was able to speak a few hours after birth, knew the Bible at the age of two, had a knowledge of Greek, Latin, French, history, and geography at three, and predicted his own death, which took place, when he was four

William Shakspeare could read and write at two, and lectured on the fourth dimension to a gathering of professors when he was 11.

But at 25 he was a £5-a-week office clerk, and died, barely remembered by those he had once astounded, at 46.

Britain's famous John Stuart Mill, philosopher, economist, keen Greek at three, while a Brooklyn boy named Arthur Greenwood mastered the alphabet when a year old and became a Master of Physics at seven.

Another American, Kenneth Wolf, of Cleveland, Ohio, is reported to have talked perfectly at four months; read at one, and matriculated at nine.

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It is recorded that Chopin wept at the sound of music when a baby. Handel was famous at five, Haydn was composing at six.

When he was six, Mozart played the violin, piano, and organ on a European tour. He died at 35, leaving a treasury of more than 600 works.

What about the musical prodigies of our own day? Yehudi Menuhin was playing the violin at three. Sir Landon Ronald could play the piano before he could talk. Richard Strauss wrote a polka at the age of six.

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George Bidder, 1805-1878, the son of a Devonshire stone-mason, learned to count with marbles.

At four he worked out the exact number of drops of a given size in a pipe of port.

In two minutes he solved a problem to find the compound

interest of £4,444 for 4,444 days at 4½ percent per annum.

Bidder became founder of London's telegraphic system, the constructor of the Victoria Docks, and President of the Institution of Civil Engineers.

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Perhaps the most astounding boy calculating genius of all was Truman Safford, who died 50 years ago. At seven, he was a student of algebra and geometry, and soon after of higher mathematics and astronomy.

Once when aged ten he was asked to multiply in his head 365,395,365,365,365 by 365,365,365,365,365.

It is recorded that he "flew round the room like a top, pulled up his pantaloons over the top of his boots, bit his hand, rolled his eyes in their sockets, sometimes smiling and talking, and then seeming to be in an agony until, in not more than one minute he replied correctly:—132,491,859,208,568,024,016,659,299,941,585,2281"

But he lost his gift of calculation after six years.

Many of these boy arithmetical wonders have revealed that their answers came to them simply in mental pictures.

Gerald Scheff



"I told you that's what it would be this year. Hundreds of 'em."

London Express Service

NAGGING AT HOME DISTRACTS TRUMAN

By R. M. MacCOLL

Washington.
A NEWSPAPER cartoon hits the nail on the head. Mr Truman, dressed as a harassed housewife, broom in hand, is vainly trying to cope with a mass of debris in the home. Through the window Mr Churchill is seen striding to the front door, briefcase under arm. The caption is: "This is no time to see important callers."

It would be far better for Britain and the whole Western World if Mr Truman could sit down with Mr Churchill able to give his undivided attention to the many weighty matters—ranging from atomic energy to cold war strategy—which the Prime Minister has indicated he wishes to discuss.

But, barring miracles, it seems as though the President must continue harassed and preoccupied by his nagging worries on the home front.

First and foremost of these is the income tax scandal. With the Presidential election coming this year this has been seized on by the Republicans—the Opposition party—as a damaging campaign club.

A Congressional committee has been hearing evidence of graft by tax collectors—who, in America, get their jobs as a political award.

There is consternation among Mr Truman's followers as they

see what effect this has had already.

The trouble is that it hits nearly everyone in America "right where they live."

This is not some remote free-for-all that might be taking place on a news reel. It concerns income tax, and all the millions of humble people who will go trooping to the tax offices next spring—the same humble millions who will go trooping to the polling booths next autumn.

That it has got Mr Truman himself very worried has been all too obvious.

At his last Press conference the familiar smile and jaunty air were quite lacking. Instead the President, red-faced, bickered with and snapped at the reporters.

Bold Throw

And over Christmas in Independence, Missouri, where he normally loves to relax and indulge in the simple pleasures of home, he has complained bitterly to old friends that he has been "thoroughly let down."

Now there has been the sickening disappointment in Mr Truman's big effort to retrieve the situation by appointing a tough presidential commission to investigate the whores on this commission would have to be most carefully chosen. They would have to be men of impeccable reputation and of resounding prestige. They would, of course, have to be free of any taint of "playing politics."

The President decided on a bold throw. As the man to head this commission he sought out a big, sad-looking chap—he has been described as resembling a

bloodhound which is mourning the death of its master—who wears bowler hats and a huge Victorian moustache.

Thomas Murphy was made to order for the job. He was a Democrat who had never troubled to slap anyone's back and always went his own way. He sprang into national fame when he took on the job of prosecuting ex-Inspector Hiss for perjury—and achieved a win in what was regarded as a masterpiece of courtroom strategy.

Mr Truman, who had started out by referring to the whole matter of Communism in the United States Court of Appeals as a "red herring," was now forced to take notice of his nonconformist.

Soon Murphy was appointed Commissioner of Police in New York City. The Police Department was then riddled with graft and corruption. Patiently, Murphy cleared it all up.

Then came the big prize. Murphy was rewarded with a judgeship. If Mr Truman could now get him to take on the job of really cleaning up the tax mess, he might still just be able to repair the damage done to himself and his party.

But something went wrong. What? Nobody quite knows. Obviously it was necessary to get

as fast as possible to prevent further loss of public confidence.

On December 15 Murphy slipped into the White House and had a long talk with the President. He smilingly called it "highly profitable."

Everyone thought it would be a matter of hours before the official announcement of his acceptance came.

The days went by—and then Mr Truman suddenly cancelled his last pre-Christmas Press conference. This was the tip-off that something had gone very wrong indeed.

Backtrack

That, rumours flew, while Murphy stuck to "no comment." The most widely accepted reasons for Murphy's backtrack:

1. Judge Learned Hand, of the United States Court of Appeals, had put it to Murphy that judges should not accept administrative posts without first resigning from the Bench, and Murphy was naturally unwilling to do this.

2. Murphy refused because he would have no power to subpoena unwilling witnesses.

3. He refused because he could not get the right men to serve on the commission.

Although Murphy still says nothing, it is almost certain that he will not head the commission. The steel and coal stoppage threats just add to the gloom about the President. Small wonder that his grip is a little will-o'-the-wisp now.

NORWAY WATCHES SOVIET RUSSIA

By Borge Mors

OSLO.
RUSSIAN-NORWEGIAN note exchanges on Spitzbergen and the Russian soldiers' graves in Norway have caused no panic in Norway.

However, as has happened so often since the war, Norwegians are asking again: why this Russian "offensive?"

Russia charged that the graves were desecrated. Norwegians do not expect any other war. Nevertheless, they agree with their government that the situation requires the utmost caution and preparedness.

Immediately after the war, Norway was grateful to the Russians who helped to liberate the country. Norway was ready to accept Russia as an equal member of the community of nations.

Six years later, Norway, together with Russia, the only other Atlantic Pact country, was asked to join the Soviet Union, in still figuratively as far away from Russia as any other Atlantic power.

Relations with Sweden and Finland are friendly. With the Soviet Union things are different. The new postwar frontier between Norway and the Soviet Union is probably the most desecrated in the world.

Although by far the shortest of Norway's land frontiers, being only 110 miles, it has been by far the most troublesome.

On the Russian side, one can see the smoke from the night

town of Pelsmo. On the thin, sparsely populated Norwegian side are two small towns, one an iron mining centre. Apart from these two towns only a few farmers, fishermen, hunters and Lapps are living along the frontier rivers of Pasvik, Elva and Grenselva.

Most Norwegians keep cautiously away from the frontier, but some fishermen and hunters have stepped across into what used to be Finland. They were seized by the Russians and released only after diplomatic intervention by the Norwegian embassy in Moscow.

A series of such incidents resulted in 1946 in a Russo-Norwegian agreement for more rigorous border control.

The Russians prohibited the taking of pictures of Russian territory and talking to Russian frontier guards.

When Norway joined the Atlantic Pact it was stressed by the government that Norway would put the weight of its defence measures in southern Norway, around the Oslo Fjord and in Northern Norway.

It is known that fortifications have been built or enlarged in northern Norway, but it is not known how many. The Russian defence system is known only by the government.

Norwegian military chief, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Field Marshal Montgomery and Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, commander in chief of the NATO northern defence region. All of them inspected this northernmost outpost of the Atlantic defence system.

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Through Tickets (at \$2.00 each) may be obtained at the Comptroller's Office of the Treasury, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the First Day of the meeting on 12th January, 1952, as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Pearce Memorial Cup" scheduled to be run on 16th February, 1952.

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Due to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

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SATURDAY'S RUGBY WAS NOT BREATH TAKING OR BRILLIANT

Says "HANLINCODE"

In brilliant sunshine on Saturday afternoon at the Club ground, Happy Valley, the good crowd of spectators who attended saw two even, if not breathtaking or brilliant, rugby games fought out.

The main event of the afternoon was the match between General Evans XV and Mr J. F. Macgregor's XV in which the players, chosen from amongst the Colony's ruggerites, represented the best locally.

These players, of whom the majority will have the honour of representing the Colony in the forthcoming Rugby Union tour of Japan, gave the spectators a creditable display.

The game opened with some cautiousness on both sides with a question of probing to see who was settling down quickest. For the General's team, who wore red jerseys and who seemed, on paper, to have the strongest backs with the slightly weaker forwards and halves, the score was opened quite early.

It came from a brilliant quick snatching of the ball by Latley, when the Macgregor centres jumbled rather badly, and he raced ahead at top speed in pass to Clayden who touched down between the posts. Clayden converted his own try to make the five points.

DUEL BETWEEN PACKS

From this point the game took a more down turn and became a duel between the two packs for ascendancy. English, the Red half wing had to leave the field very early with an arm injury and he was replaced, by mutual consent, at half time by Blackburn, who, incidentally, played in the first game of the afternoon.

The first half, or rather should one say the first three quarters of it, belonged to the Reds, who attacked time and time again but could not just finish off the movements started.

For this I attach some blame on Lawes who was rather inclined to pass far too soon and, therefore, not draw his man, although one must allow for the fact that the service to him was very erratic, and Latley, who was inclined to hang on too long, and thereby allow the movement to be smothered.



Excuse me, but I must practice my leap year tackle.

London Express Service.

the upper hand slowly but surely, and, just before the break, were definitely superior in every loose scrimmage that took place. The score at half time was for points for Mr Macgregor's team.

After the resumption, it was very obvious that the Stripes were going to do most of the attacking and this was the case after most of the loose scrums. Craig and Nolan came into the limelight when their forwards started heeling the ball and Nolan in particular, played a very constructive game, even if his speed left much to be desired. His handling of the ball brought him quite a lot of applause throughout the game.

MORE EXCITING

Craig opened the Stripes score card with a long penalty shot and this seemed to be all that was needed for the Clansmen to put the final pressure on.

The game at this stage got a little more exciting and the next effort was a beautiful run by Norman who eluded the defence and left them standing. He was tackled by Henderson, but not before the ball had been passed to Harland who touched down. The kick by Craig was disappointing and the score stood at Reds 5, Stripes 6.

After this both sides really fought hard and although the Stripes were by this time the better team on view, the Reds did not give up the struggle.

On the left wing, the newcomer and substitute, Blackburn, brought the crowd to its feet twice with two very fast and tricky runs down the wing, these efforts were the surprise of the day and they have earned a trip to Japan for Blackburn. The final score came from the boot of Craig, and was another penalty, the game ending, General Evans XV, one goal (6 points) to Mr J. F. Macgregor's XV, two penalty goals, 1 try (9 points).

The whistle was blown by Doc Eberle who controlled the game in the efficient manner expected of him.

DISMAL AFFAIR

The curtain raiser played between two scratch fifteen, and I say scratch because some of the selected players did not even bother to turn up, was a dismal affair.

The players never seemed to settle down together and a scrappy match ensued. The irresponsibility on the game by 11 points to the Undesirables 3 points.

One point that was noted was that Bailey and Harris, back in their rightful positions, were playing better than previously. Blackley and Sherrard-Smith, however, did not combine at all well this week, partly due to the former's very erratic service.

Mr George Mills handled a very awkward game in a very tactful manner and it must be recorded that a game like this could not have been in better hands.

THE TEAMS

General Evans XV: J. R. Henderson (Club), English (Police) (injured and replaced by Blackburn (Army), Clayden (Army), Latley (Navy), Stewart (Club), Lawes (Army), Moorehouse (Army), Baume (Army), Owen (Navy), Yeo (Army), Talamo (Club), Descock (Army), Lockman (Club), Paired (Army), Dwyer (Army).

Mr J. F. Macgregor's XV: Gibbons (Police), Sampson (Navy), Harland (Army), Norman (Navy), Legdon (Club), Nolan (Club), Craig (Club), Pezgie (Club), Hopkins (Army), Morrison (Navy), Roden (Army), Minto (Club), Howarth (Navy), Crafter (Army), Hubson (Club).

WHITE BALL ALWAYS

"Let's have the white ball all the time, not as an afterthought when it's getting murky," advises Ken Horton, Preston's inside-forward.

"It doesn't get heavy, and is easy to see against the dark background of spectators."

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George Pope has a sense of humour better than most. After being given a rough time by an angry crowd recently, he asked: "Was that an apple that hit you?" His answer, "Yes, but it was a cooker. It's the eaters I don't like."

TO PUT THE AILE OVER WILKINS

To put the aile over Wilkins, Jack Nicholas had to go into water a club called Moira. Wilkins had the shock of his life when Jack approached him after the match with an offer to play for Derby.

Here is a tip-off to cricket clubs in South-east and Bayside. David, son of George Chapman, has just taken up residence in the district, and like his father and grandfather before him, is useful with a bat. "I would have given my right arm to play for North," he told me.

Franky Lewis is a great Yorkshirean. He is a great Yorkshirean. He is a great Yorkshirean.

RUGGER EXHIBITION AT THE VALLEY



Lt.-Gen. G. C. Evans, CB, CBE, DSO, Commander of the British Forces in Hongkong, being introduced to members of his team who played against Mr J. F. Macgregor's XV in the exhibition match at the Valley on Saturday. With him is Lt. (S) M. C. Latley, RN, captain of the team. On the right is M. Talamo.



Members of Mr Macgregor's team at half-time. From the left, they are 2/Lt. Harland, Lt. (S) R. A. Howard, R.N. P. Gibbons, W. G. Minto, P. E. Hutson, A. R. Petrie, A. Morrison and 2/Lt. W. H. Crafter.—China Mail Photos.

England's Rugger Team To Play Wales

London, Jan. 7.

After their great display against South Africa on Saturday, the England team have been selected to play the match against Wales at Twickenham on January 19.

The team is—W.D. Hook (Gloucester), J.E. Woodward (Wasp), A.E. Agara (Harlequins), L.B. Cannell (St. Mary's Hospital), C. E. With (Rosslyn Park), N.M. Hall (Richmond), G. Rimmer (Waterloo), R.V. Stryling (R.A.F. and Leicester), E. Evans (Sales), W.A. Holmes (Nuneaton), J.R. Matthews (Harlequins), D.T. Withins (Royal Navy and United Services, Portsmouth), D.F. White (Northampton), J.M. Kendall Carpenter (Perthshire and Newlyn), and A.O. Lewis (Bath)—Reuter.

Welsh Rugger XV Unchanged

London, Jan. 7.

The Welsh team to meet England in the Rugby Union International at Twickenham on Saturday, January 19, is unchanged from the side who were beaten 6-3 by South Africa at Cardiff last month.

The England team, which was announced earlier today, is also unchanged from the side beaten by 2-3 by the Springboks, last Saturday.—Reuter.

Snooker League

Results of the George Younger Snooker League matches played last night were:

Lusitano "B" lost to Prison Officers Club 2-3; CPO beat Chattermen's Mess 3-2; KOC "A" beat Eastern "A" 4-1; South China beat Lusitano "A" 5-0; H.Q.P. Sels beat P.O. Mess 4-1.

HELMS FOUNDATION NAMES ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Los Angeles, Jan. 7.

The names of the six foremost athletes of 1951 throughout the world will be inscribed on the silver and gold Helms World Trophy as Athletes of the Year on their respective continents, the Helms Foundation revealed tonight.

New engravings for the year 1951 will be unveiled at the Helms Hall on Saturday morning.

Those chosen for the trophy honours are:

Africa—Wally Hayward, winner of the famous Old Comrades 54-mile run for the third time with a new record of six hours 14 minutes seven seconds, over a twisting road course from sea level to 8,000 feet.

Asia—Shigeki Tanaka of Japan, winner of the 1951 Boston Marathon, Tanaka, 19 and a survivor of the atom-bombing of Hiroshima, ran the Marathon course in two hours 27 minutes 54 seconds—two minutes six seconds off the record.

Australia—Frank Sedgman, Australian winner of the U.S. Singles Championship and best player of his country, Davis Cup team which downed the United States in the finals.

Europe—Adolfo Consolandi of Italy, Discus Throwing Champion, who has excelled in the event over a 10-year period, setting a world record in 1949 with a throw of 161 feet 3 1/2 inches. The record has since been broken.

South America—Ademar Ferreira da Silva of Brazil, who set a world record in the 100 Yard Dash and 200 Yard Dash in 1951 with a leap of 52 feet 6 1/2 inches.

North America—Robert Richards, U.S. winner of the National AAU Decathlon Championship with a mark of 7,394 points. He was the USA and Pan-American Games Pole Vault Champion in 1951 and the second man to vault over 15 feet.

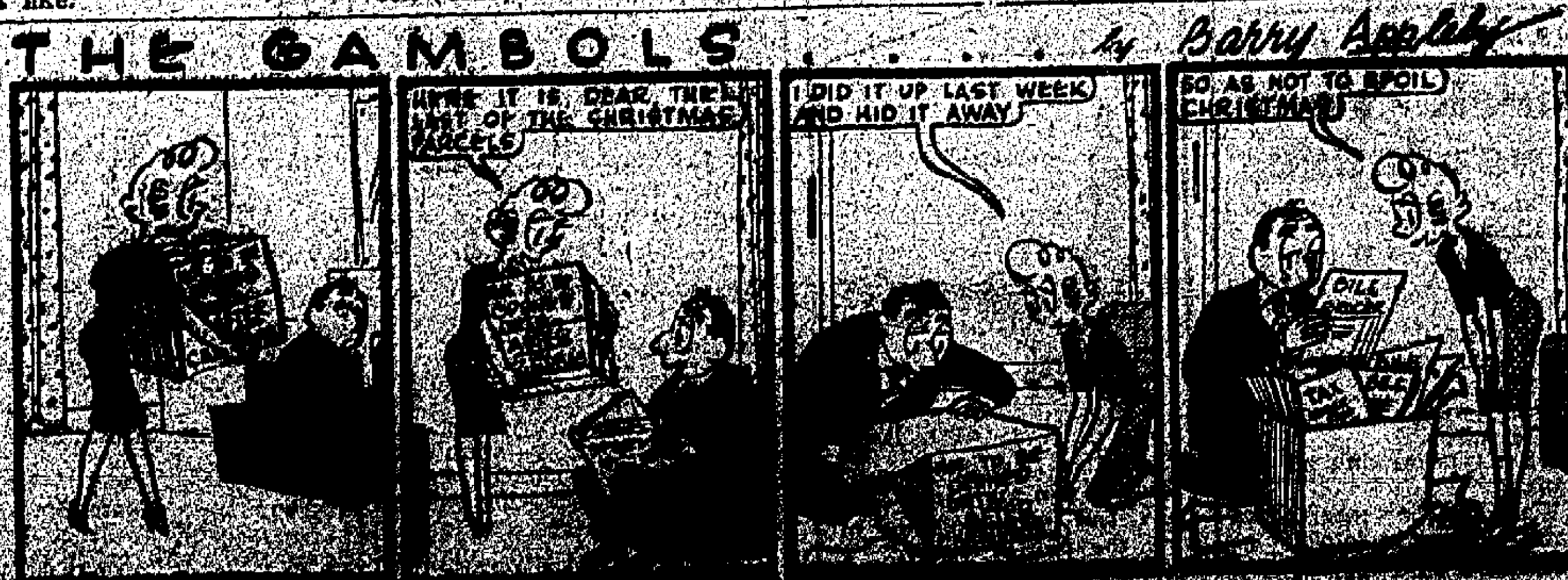
Each of those named on the trophy will be recipients of the Helms World Trophy Silver Award. The selections were made by the Helms Hall Board.—United Press.

Tramway Rovers Win Cup Tie

London, Jan. 7.

Tramway Rovers beat Brighton Spartans by five goals to one in the third replay of their FA Cup second round tie at Gillingham Park today.

Tramway Rovers were away on a Friday night in the third round next Saturday, January 11.—Reuter.



Mud? Don't Mention It To Tommy Harmer

THE GENIUS WHO HAS A WEIGHT PROBLEM

By Harold Palmer

Little Tommy Harmer, of London Fields, is a soccer genius in hiding. If I say he is the cleverest ball player in football today, people are entitled to ask: "Then why is he generally a Tottenham Hotspur reserve?"

The answer is in his physique. Although he is 23, inside-left Harmer has the build of a 13-year-old. He is 5 ft. 5½ in. and weighs 9 st. 4 lb.

There are many in the game like him. It is a phobia of not so tall—but not so many lighter. The big quey with Harmer concerns his slender little legs—Are they strong enough?

He has only recently recovered from a strained groin. That injury results from playing in the mud. Still bigger, tougher players have such troubles, too.

SKILL V WEIGHT
The truth is that the complete mastery of a ball that makes the soccer genius is more often found in the smaller types—for an obvious reason. They must rely on skill to avoid the unequal physical challenge.

The slighter build the greater the need for skill. It is a matter of inverse ratio. Harmer, who was playing in Spurs first team today, is clever enough to keep out of trouble, but he can't keep out of mud at this time of year. That is why this light-weight champion dis-

help. Have they forgotten Alex James, the greatest name in soccer before the last war? At the same age James was about the same size as Harmer—and he was strong enough for Arsenal and Scotland.

Harmer is a boy who did not grow up in 1948 when he first signed professional forms, he weighed 8 st. 8 lb. They gave him special training with heavy weights and a diet that included stout but he put on only 10 lb., and that did not mean he had sturdy legs.

While he finished his apprenticeship as a painter's warehouseman he was only a part-time footballer. The full-time training he has done in the last year or so has made a difference.

This quiet, humorous, bright-eyed, blushing character can see the joke.

When a friend patted him on the shoulder of his pale blue overcoat, and said, "You're putting on weight," Harmer only laughed and said, "That's padding."

But I say the size doesn't matter. You can't go on making a ball talk as Harmer does without making a great name for yourself.

He could have had his name in lights as a juggler, and he should certainly one day see his name in an England team.

HERE is a typical Harmer trick
LEFT: He prepares to jump over the ball. RIGHT: He completes the move and back-heels the ball at the same time.

HIS WAY TO TOP

AND this has been Harmer's way to the top: Evacuee football in Norfolk; Shore-ditch Naval Cadet; amateur for Spurs at 16; Army Ordnance Corps and first representative game v Belgian Army in Brussels.

Games for Finchley when on leave; invitation from Bournemouth, but signed professional for Spurs, August 1948; never on the losing side in first-class football, 1951; seven League games for Spurs; three representative games for FA.



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PETER WILSON LOOKS BACK OVER 1951.

Turpin, Sedgman, Matthews ... Those Were The Days

THE Calendar is running out and I go on a personal pilgrimage back along the highways of sport in 1951.

There was THE NIGHT I WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED—the night Randolph Turpin beat the unbeatable Sugar Ray Robinson at Earl's Court. Turpin won that fight with his left hand and with his great staring eyes which seemed to hypnotise Robinson until he looked at the end like a blood-streaked dusty ape made to dance by a trainer's whip.

THE MOST DISASTROUS NIGHT—New York, sweaty, sultry, tempestuous, and Turpin caught against the hemp, flogged, battered and fayed, but still upright when referee Ruby Goldstein with only eight seconds of the tenth round to go, restored the title to Robinson.

THE MOST GHASTLY NIGHT—New York again and 20-year-old Corrie Flores, his heels hinged to the floor, goes down in a lumpy heap from a swing left delivered by Ray Donoghue.

They dragged the kid to his corner like so much chilled beef, and one of his handlers gave him a tongue lashing for his impertinence in getting knocked out in the last round.

Donoghue trotted across to offer his condolences and Flores muttered through bloody lips: "It's O.K., Bud."

Those were the last words he ever spoke, for after they had taken him to hospital they never got him out again alive.

THE SADDEST NEWS—Poor old Joe Louis knocked clean through the ropes and out of the big-time fight game by a crude, lusty youngster, Rocky Marciano, whom a decade ago Louis would have spat into submission in a couple of rounds.

An unforgettable moment... Maureen, having beaten the up-to-then world's No. 1, Doris Hart, coming off the court to face a field battery of cameras and being requested to "Give us a big smile, Little Mo."

She answered with the tears streaming down her face. "I can't—I'm too happy!" At the same Forest Hills meeting, Frank Sedgman, so pulverising America's Victor Seixas, that although you wanted Sedgman to win you



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couldn't help applauding Seixas on the rare occasions when he managed to scramble a game. Sedgman is now rated Australia's Sportsman of the Year. A fine choice.

JOLLY ROGER
ATHLETICS?—Well, I'll take that July afternoon when Roger Bannister turned in the best AAA performance ever for the mile by covering the distance in 4 mins. 7.8 secs.—a personal record and the fastest mile run this year anywhere.

Jolly Roger hoisted his colours to the front 300 yards from home, with that fabulous finishing burst of his, to beat the then champion Bill Nankeville by better than five yards.

SOCCER?—That first dynamic half when England rediscovered a turf-searing flame of attack which threatened to in-

centrate Austria—the team which had been claimed as the greatest in Europe.

Or perhaps you prefer the sad little cameo of "The Wizard of Was"...

Veteran Stanley Matthews going slowly back to the dressing-room after the Cup Final, which might so easily be his last one, when Newcastle had proved just too much for "Stanley Blackpool."

RUGGER?—I want nothing better than the sight of the London Counties led by another Matthews—Johnny this time.

He proved that a team at a physical disadvantage in every department can still hold on through the last blazing 15 minutes, in which the Springboks specialise—and beat them.

MAN-TRAPPER
CRICKET?—The perfect setting—where could that be but Lord's?—and England at last triumphant in the second Test against the South Africans.

The whole thing over in 18 hours of actual play, and Lancashire's Roy Tattersall, now doing so brilliantly in India, taking nine wickets for 88 runs in one day with craft, man-trapping, venomous spin bowling. That was cricket and glory for you.

A FINAL MEMORY—The unique nerve-shaking, bone-breaking Grand National, and only three out of the 36 starters finishing the four-and-a-half-mile course with its 30 jumps at the hazy aquarium of Aintree.

This was a race as tense as a game of roulette in which you have staked more than you can afford to lose.

AUSTRALIA v. WEST INDIES



Langley, the new Australian wicketkeeper, drops a low chance offered by Gomez before the West Indian had scored during the Third Test at Adelaide which was won by the West Indies. Miller is also making a late attempt to retrieve the ball as it slips from Langley's gloves.—Central Press Photo.

A Mid-Winter Shut-down On Soccer May Come

Says IVAN SHARPE

Spring, summer, autumn, winter. There are four seasons to the year, three for football and one for cricket. Leap Year coming once in four, then brings football one day more.

But even the seasons change. Soccer may yet extend its calendar. No one likes these 2.15 starts and the popularity of the 5 o'clock kick-off may mean in the years ahead that the game, which abroad is played mostly in sunshine, will be called off for a month during the mud-heaps of mid-winter. It isn't football, anyway.

Christmas without football? It seems as impossible as Christmas without mince-pie. But wait and see. Remember that 1951 has brought football to a point in other ways it has been a pointer to 1952. To start with—

SPRING

The unlucky footballers were in the news. Owing to injury Allan Brown, of Blackpool, missed not only Scotland's match with England at Wembley but the Cup Final.

The fates also hovered over the great man of the Final, Jackie Milburn, who should by now be firmly established as the finest centre-forward in the world.

The FA International Selection Department has cramped his style so much that he isn't even England's centre-forward. He can't head the ball, some say. So what? International football is supposed to be played on the ground. He can head as well as G. O. Smith or Stephen Bloomer.

The victory over Argentina at Wembley was followed by squeals from Buenos Aires which suggested that they can't take it. I was not at the match so I wouldn't know. On this May 9 I was losing two salmon in one day, Kirkcubright way, so winning the prize for the Year's Candid Comment.

But Austria's draw at Wembley in November, were also far less flattering than usual to England. This game I did see, and the Austrian comments in no way surprised me. They were no more to be condemned than some of ours. And so to—

SUMMER

Dudley Nourse and his South African cricketers brought the last straw to the Tests and earn the first vote of thanks in the year's stocktaking for breaking the back of the camel, otherwise of the patient public.

True, Dudley had a damaged finger, but his captaincy set the pace that killed. Anyway, slow scoring in the Tests took such a hiding from the critics that the loyal county clubs must be wondering whether weakening their Championship for this kind of international cricket is a help or a hindrance.

The finger-post is raised by the call of Colonel Rait Kerr of the MCC for dynamic play; and the more practical speech of Dr J. Bowling Holmes of Lancashire showing how to yet it. These electric shocks have even brought time-limit cricket on to the horizon. Officially, I mean.

Something must be done when a cricketer so staid and respected as Jack Hobbs says that for the onlooker first-class cricket is now less attractive than the game on the village green.

But the Year's Last Laugh is with the irrepressible Sid Barnes—the same joker who

caught and offered a stray dog to an umpire at the Oval and said the white stick was on the way—as Australia lost the Test with the West Indies for which he is believed to have been chosen but banned.

Not less important is the finger-post of—

AUTUMN

The Management Committee of the Football League earned the thanks of all thinking people when they set out to check these inflated £30,000 transfer fees.

Before they got down to it the Ministry of Labour came along with a special committee, including sensible sportsmen like Herbert Saxeliffe and Max Woollam to inquire into the whole range of players' pay and conditions of service.

Whole range is correct. The affair was so detailed some members wondered if they were going to get home for Christmas. They just managed it, and emerging is a feeling that the white paper will ask for the transfer system to be kept in hand. But HOW? The clubs have the last word, and they are men of spirit. Will the special committee show the way?

The players may win unlimited wages, but I don't see how they can get free transfers or share of transfer fees. And so to—

WINTER

A £6-a-week petrol-pump hand exposed and exploded the firmly-fixed fallacy of British Soccer that an attacking centre-half cannot succeed under the present off-side law.

Ernst Owrick from Vienna showed, in the Austrian match at Wembley, that there is as much difference between the artistic pivot and the tank-like British stopper as between Ranjitsinhji and a strokeless stonewaller.

This was a sign-post, if you like. But will it be followed? And around this time there arose in the land a tank-buster—stiff, tall and wearing size 12 boots. Congratulations and all good luck to Mr Dooley of Hillsborough. Keep it up! Smash and spifficate all the stoppers. Leave them scattered along the trail of the Old Year and the New like stuffed dummies. Split the safety-first squads wide open in each and every match in 1952. That's my wish to this young giant of Sheffield Wednesday.

And now we reach the—

VOTES OF THANKS

TO Portsmouth for deliberately slowing-down their football in order to secure more attractive attack, and then topping the League table.

Arsenal for getting the right example by getting there without buying their way to the top with big-money transfers.

FA of Wales, prospective International Champions, for scotching the English plan to demote Ireland and Wales to "B"

internationals, or, as Mr Joe McBride, Irish FA veteran, puts it, "to relegate us to the Second Division."

Scottish FA for refusing to enter the Olympic Games with amateur footballers until foreign professionals are barred.

Tom Thumbs Harmer (Spurs), Derby (Wolves), Cockburn (Manchester United) and Taylor (Blackpool) for reading the Old Year's last lesson: "Wits are more important than weight."

Nine Dragons Darts, Table Tennis Results

The following were the results of darts and table tennis competition matches played at the Nine Dragons Services Club last week:

Darts. — A.A. Workshops, REME, "C" beat Middlesex 5-1. On Thursday, at 7 p.m., 23rd Field Regt, RA, will meet Middlesex "Q".

Table tennis.—A.A. Workshops, REME, "B" beat Middlesex "Q" 3-1. On Thursday, at 7 p.m., 56 Coy RASC "Q" will meet 56 Coy RASC, "B".

Entries for the February darts and table tennis competitions should reach Mr Woolham, Manager of the Club, on or before January 31. First round will be played on February 7.

There is no entrance fee for table tennis for teams of four but in darts the fee is \$3 per team of six.

The usual weekly whist drive will take place to-night commencing at 8 p.m. There will be cash prizes.

Russians Better Speed Skating World Records

London, Jan. 6. Soviet speed skaters bettered two world records at a meeting at Alma Ata in the Kazakh Republic to-day, according to Moscow Radio.

Yury Sergeyev (Moscow) covered 500 metres in 41.7 seconds, one-tenth of a second faster than the official world record held by Hans Engnestangen (Norway).

Evgeny Grishin (Moscow) clocked 1 min. 28 sec. for the 1,000 metres, compared with the official world record of 1 min. 28.4 sec. held by C. Thunberg (Finland).

Another skater, Boris Berchin (Leningrad) had earlier returned a time of 1 min. 27.3 sec.—Reuter.

Handicaps For Second Race Meeting

Handicaps for the Second Race Meeting on January 12 and 19 are as follow:

FIRST DAY

1. Ayr Handicap (1st Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Abdul Hamid 140, Casale 134, Colin 133, Courtesier 132, Crowf Wilness 140, Desert Gold 154, Ding How 144, Forever Spring 139, Ironside 137, Prairie Moon 153, Ringmar 150, Rosemarie 152, Sapientia 135, Sino Marshall 133, Some Fun 154, Strathnamara 133, Zephyr 144.

2. Newmarket Handicap (1st Sec.). Class 4. 6 Furlongs.—Debutante 139, Harmony 148, Lake Success 142, National Honour 138, Rowanfield 132, Rowanlea 132, Speed Bird 144, Tontyber 134, Top Hat 147.

3. Nottingham Handicap (1st Sec.). Class 3. 1½ Miles.—Acquisition 143, Arabian Moon 150, Bay Bee 155, Edinard 159, Flying Wheel 135, Gypsy 139, Hot Blow 141, Home Sweet Home 138, Magic Bow 159, Marber 147, National Income 151, Nora Lady 159, Rev Rabbit 144, Tiger 133.

4. Newmarket Handicap (2nd Sec.). Class 4. 6 Furlongs.—Alfa and Grace 132, Cleopatra 138, Empress of Peace 138, Happy Valley 141, Lam 140, Minx 145, Shun Lee 154, United Victory 134, Wonderful Coin 151.

5. Nottingham Handicap (2nd Sec.). Class 3. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Domino 147, Flag Day 124, Flying Knight 142, Glacial Lake 140, Golden Wing 140, Golden Eagle 140, Peacock 140, Samson 150, Shangri-la 133, Sharpshooter 148, Victorious 140.

6. Newmarket Handicap (3rd Sec.). Class 4. 6 Furlongs.—Beckingham 151, Brivisto 140, Half Moon Bay 159, Honey Dew 143, Jasmine 143, Lucky Strike 155, Masterpieces 138, Ringwood 140, The Hopeful 140.

7. Ayr Handicap (2nd Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

8. Nottingham Handicap (3rd Sec.). Class 3. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

9. Ayr Handicap (3rd Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

10. Nottingham Handicap (4th Sec.). Class 4. 6 Furlongs.—Beckingham 151, Brivisto 140, Half Moon Bay 159, Honey Dew 143, Jasmine 143, Lucky Strike 155, Masterpieces 138, Ringwood 140, The Hopeful 140.

11. Ayr Handicap (4th Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

12. Nottingham Handicap (5th Sec.). Class 3. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

13. Ayr Handicap (5th Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

14. Nottingham Handicap (6th Sec.). Class 4. 6 Furlongs.—Beckingham 151, Brivisto 140, Half Moon Bay 159, Honey Dew 143, Jasmine 143, Lucky Strike 155, Masterpieces 138, Ringwood 140, The Hopeful 140.

15. Ayr Handicap (6th Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

16. Nottingham Handicap (7th Sec.). Class 3. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

17. Ayr Handicap (7th Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

18. Nottingham Handicap (8th Sec.). Class 4. 6 Furlongs.—Beckingham 151, Brivisto 140, Half Moon Bay 159, Honey Dew 143, Jasmine 143, Lucky Strike 155, Masterpieces 138, Ringwood 140, The Hopeful 140.

19. Ayr Handicap (8th Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

20. Nottingham Handicap (9th Sec.). Class 3. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

21. Ayr Handicap (9th Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

22. Nottingham Handicap (10th Sec.). Class 4. 6 Furlongs.—Beckingham 151, Brivisto 140, Half Moon Bay 159, Honey Dew 143, Jasmine 143, Lucky Strike 155, Masterpieces 138, Ringwood 140, The Hopeful 140.

23. Ayr Handicap (10th Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

24. Nottingham Handicap (11th Sec.). Class 3. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.

25. Ayr Handicap (11th Sec.). Class 5. 1½ Miles.—Argus 131, Argus 138, Ben Lovers 146, Care Free 145, Copper 139, Double Coin 141, English Cottage 147, Gladstone 139, Good Bay 139, Jackal 155, Jennifer 159, Jimmy Cricket 158, Liberty Diamond 147, Lightning 141, Miami Beauty 141, Rile 147.



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Around-The-Clock Attacks In Korea By American Bombers

Far East Air Force HQ, Tokyo, Jan. 8.
Continuing the around-the-clock attacks against Communist targets in North Korea, United States medium bombers of the Okinawa-based 19th Bomb Group last night made a concentrated strike on installations at the key city of Sinanju as warplanes of the Far East Air Forces mounted 870 sorties.

US Doubles Air Force Strength

New York, Jan. 7.
General Curtis Lemay, commanding general of the Strategic Air Command, said today that the United States Air Force had doubled its strength since the Korean war began and was ready to strike an attacker "at this minute."

The flying boss of the nation's atom bomber fleet, which he called "an impressive deterrent to war," said his long-range B-29s, B-50s and B-36s were capable of striking at any aggressor. He said other branches of the Air Force were similarly prepared.

"Today, 18 months after the Communists first broke in Korea, we have doubled the personnel of our air force and reached approximately double the number of combat wings. Our three combat commands are capable of carrying on important and powerful operations right at this minute."

He said Communist Korea had become one of the world's major air powers almost overnight, with planes striking deeper and more boldly into the "air battle zone" of Korea.

"Why the enemy has not used his tremendous air power available to make greater attacks on our bases is something neither I nor any other person this side of the Iron Curtain can answer," United Press.

NIEMOELLER SATISFIED

Moscow, Jan. 7.
Pastor Martin Niemöller, head of the Protestant Church in the German province of Hesse, said today he was satisfied with the talks he had had here with Russian Church officials on the question of affiliation with the World Church Movement.

Pastor Niemöller, who gave a farewell dinner to 30 of his Russian friends at the Hotel National here, ends his visit to Moscow when he leaves on Tuesday morning by air for Berlin.

Among the guests attending the dinner were Metropolitan Nikolai, Moscow Baptist Pastor Zhidkov and the head of the Soviet Union Peace Committee.—Reuter.

Pleven Govt Falls

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Resistance Party.—Associated Press.

HOW THEY VOTED

Paris, Jan. 7.
A breakdown of tonight's voting figures which led to the fall of Premier Rene Pleven's government showed some diversity of views between the parties taking part in the vote. The downfall of Pleven government was brought about by the right-wing Gaullists (117 out of 118), the socialists, 108 of them, and the communists, 97 voting en bloc. Further figures of deputies voting against the economic measures proposed by the Pleven government showed some difference of opinion among the parties themselves. Nine Radical Socialists, six Christian Democrats, four Communist Progressive Republicans and two Independents voted against the Pleven government, thereby aiding in its downfall. Observers here considered that it was significant that the former considered the question so vital that only three deputies abstained in the voting.—France-Press.

On Drinking Spree

As the result of a drinking spree, AB Harrie, attached to M.F.V. Unit 1044, appeared before Mr. Hui-shing Lo at Central this morning charged with maliciously damaging a window of a parked lorry and with disorderly conduct in Jaffe Road at about 8 p.m. yesterday. Defendant whose character was described as very good by his superior officer pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$15 compensation to the lorry driver on the first charge. On the second charge he was cautioned and discharged. Defendant was bound over in \$200 for one year.

Israeli Patrols In Action

Amman, Jordan, Jan. 7.
It was officially stated here tonight that six Arabs, including two women and two children, were killed last night when Israeli patrols infiltrated about two miles inside Jordan.

The Israelis were said to have blown up two houses and fired on another.

The shooting took place north and west of Bethlehem on the eve of the Greek Orthodox Christmas. The houses were blown up with hand-grenades. A Jordan National Guardsman was seriously injured when Israeli patrols west of Jerusalem opened fire at a guard outpost. The Israeli patrols afterwards withdrew.

Leaflets left at the site of the incidents announced that the Israeli armed forces intend to retaliate on Arab infiltration by infiltration into Jordan.—Reuter.

Bus Driver To Stand Trial

Chatham, Kent, Jan. 7.
The driver of the bus which killed 24 naval cadets in a Chatham street last month was today sent for trial at the Old Bailey, the Central Criminal Court in London.

He was charged with dangerous driving. The driver, John Samson, aged 57, pleaded not guilty in the crowded Magistrate's Court here. He was released on bail.

Samson's bus ran into the back of a column of 52 cadets marching down a poorly-lit street to a boxing tournament.—Reuter.

AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE OIL

Washington, Jan. 7.
The Mutual Security Agency today authorized France to spend \$10,280,000 for Middle Eastern oil and \$5,500,000 for ocean transportation.

MSA also authorized the purchase of coal valued at \$1,800,000 for French North Africa and \$350,000 for French overseas territories.—United Press.

Negotiators Seek Clarification

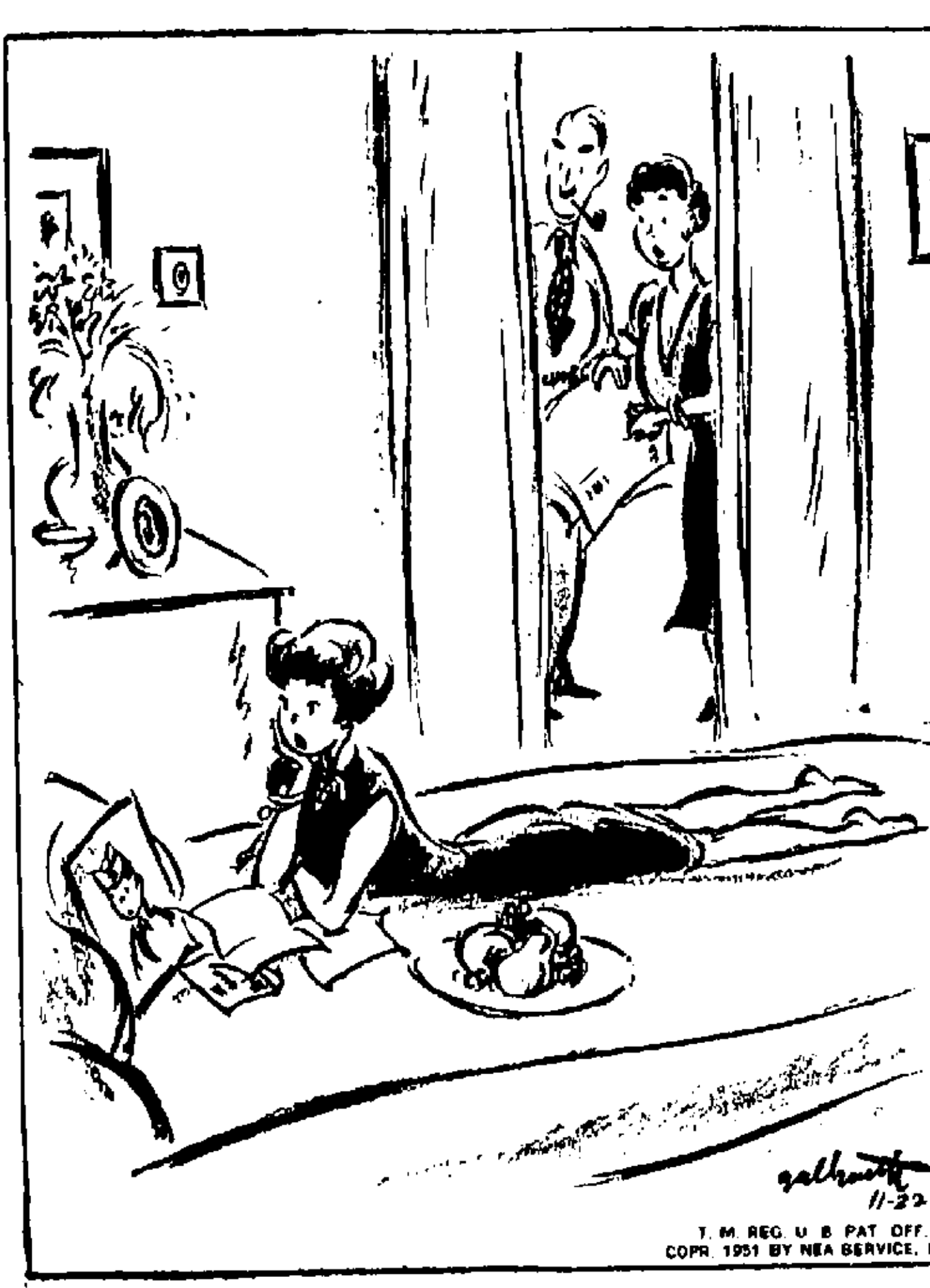
Tokyo, Jan. 8.
United Nations armistice negotiators returned to Pan Mun Jom meetings today seeking some clarification on the new Communist attitude of apparent disinterest.

During yesterday's meetings, they had acted in a "spirit of levity and disinterest," and some United Nations observers explained this as Communist marking time pending orders from far afield.—Reuter.

MR G. F. GILBERT

The condition of Mr. Geoffrey Gilbert, who was knocked down by a bus in Pedder Street last night, was reported to have improved at the Queen Mary Hospital this morning where he underwent an X-ray examination. He sustained serious head injuries as a result of the accident.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Supposing it is only puppy love! I hope you remember that's how we started!"

New Security Purge In Britain's Defence Research Departments

London, Jan. 7.
Mr Churchill isn't satisfied that all men and women of doubtful loyalty have been eliminated from secret defence work. This is the interpretation given the Treasury announcement tonight of a new spy purge order by the Daily Express science writer, Chapman Pincher.

He writes: "About 50 scientists have been dismissed for security reasons since the Socialists began the purge five years ago. It is known that a few have accidentally filtered back into defence research. They are people who were transferred to non-secret departments which have since taken on secret work connected with the rearmament programme."

"The re-check will affect every scientist working on atomic energy, guided missiles, poison gas and germ warfare, aircraft and submarine research."

It is suggested here that the announcement means Mr. Truman's raising of the question of pooling atomic information. Since the end of the war the United States Government has been very reluctant to give us top secret information about atomic research.

The Washington correspondent of the Daily Express, R.M. MacColl reports that top military and atomic experts in Washington heaved a great sigh of relief at the news. Mr. Churchill, but some observers feel the timing was too pat and might be in danger of being dismissed as a manoeuvre intended for consumption in Washington rather than a genuine security move.—Our Own Correspondent.

UNLAWFULLY BURIED SON

A farmer, To Hei-yung, aged 35, of Silvermine Bay, Lantau Island, was fined \$100 by Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning for burying the body of his adopted infant son without authority.

An unemployed, Li Ping, 40, who did the burying for \$4 "lucky" money was fined \$60. The infant was born in July last year and was adopted last year and was adopted last year. The child had been in hospital for 13 days and died ten days after discharge.

DOC THIEF SENT TO PRISON

For stealing a Cocker Spaniel bitch, belonging to Mr. Paul Chung, of No. 4 Stable Diamond Hill, on Sunday, Cheung Hung, 24, was sent to prison for a month by Mr. R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning. The animal was seen dead outside the defendant's house.

Stole Lead Seals

Seen taking lead seals from an electric meter at 24 Lion Rock Road, Lau Ying-long, 18, unemployed, was given seven days by Mr. R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning. He was also ordered to be expelled from a mining area. They were belonging to the China Light and Power Company were found on defendant.

THEY GAOL THEM, OR DON'T THEY?

Two Courts Put Two Views On Drivers-Under-The-Influence

London, Jan. 8.
Mr Laurence Vine, deputy chairman, said at London Sessions yesterday: "A great deal has been said lately about sending to prison motorists who have had too much to drink. "Some courts are adopting this view. I like to deal with each case on its merits."

SOLICITED A POLICE OFFICER

Wrongly identifying a European Police Inspector in civilian clothes as a Military personnel on his way back to Causeway Bay camp on Sunday night, a 28-year-old Shanghai woman, Wong Chun, was taken back to the Police Station in the car of the Inspector whom she approached and solicited for an immoral purpose.

Wong Chun, with seven previous convictions, six of which were of similar nature, denied the allegation by the Prosecution. She said on that night her mother had been injured as a result of a fall and she was hurrying to get assistance from some friends at Central District. As there was no taxi available she asked the Inspector, who had a car with him, if he could take her to Central District.

Sub-Divisional Inspector A.G. Rose testified at Central this morning that at about 11.25 p.m. on Sunday, defendant approached his car at Causeway Bay Road near the Waldorf Hotel and solicited him for an immoral purpose. He then asked defendant to jump in his car and he took her to the Bay View Police Station where she was charged.

Found guilty by Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning, defendant was fined \$175 or seven weeks.

EX-HK CADET HONOURED

News has been received of the award of the O.B.E. to Mr David Kelvin-Stark in the New Year's Honours.

Mr Kelvin-Stark joined the Hongkong Government service as a Cadet on December 13, 1928, and was interned at Stanley during the Japanese occupation of the Colony. He left Hongkong on October 9, 1946, on retirement. He was then Assistant Financial Secretary (Exchange).

Mr Kelvin-Stark is now a Principal in the Colonial Office, London.

Mine Manager Executed

Yuen Ka-yau, general manager of the Chin Ngan Coal Mine in Pingheok, north Kowloon, was executed by a firing squad on December 30, 1951, when he was found guilty in the Kwangtung People's Court of misappropriating HK\$299,048 worth of Government's funds.

Yuen was alleged to have obtained loans from the Kwangtung Government for developing the mine, and to have invested the money in smuggling activities. Eight other members of the staff involved in the case received sentences ranging from six months to three and half years imprisonment.

Installed Engines On His Junk

For illegally installing three petrol engines aboard his 782-petrol junk 1871V, Li Chi-ming, 28, was fined \$100 by Mr. T. B. Low at the Marine Court this morning.

Leung Wing, master of the boat, was fined \$100 for being underway without a certificated engineer. Defendants were interdicted outside Lyemun Pass while en route to the Colony yesterday.

Living Language

Why we say Client.
The Greek word "klio" means hear, and the Latin "cliens" was a corrupt form of "cliens," hearing. In old Rome a special relationship existed between members of the upper class, called "patrons," who were bound to give a hearing to their respective "clients" of the lower class. The client was bound to help the patron over money difficulties whilst the patron advised the client in law and defended his interests when wronged. The word "client" is now used to describe anyone who gives his affairs to the care of a professional or business man.

Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and Kowloon Post Office, registered articles and parcels must close one hour earlier than ordinary mail times, shown below:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8
By Air

Malaya, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m. B.O.A.C.
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m. H.K.A./N.W.A.C.

By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Tak Shing/Panama.

By Ship
Singapore, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Shantung.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9
By Air

Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 8 a.m.; by P.A.L. Formosa, 10 a.m.; A.T. Sumatra, Burma, India, Noon, P.O.A.S.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 1 p.m.; C.P.A.C.
U.S.A., Canada, 2 p.m.; P.A.A. Japan, Korea, 5 p.m.; B.O.A.C. Formosa, 5 p.m.; H.K. Airways.

By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Tak Shing/Panama.

By Ship
Singapore, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Shantung.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10
By Air

Slam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 8 a.m.; by B.O.A.C. Indo-China, 1 p.m.; Air France.

By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Tak Shing/Panama.

By Ship
Singapore, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Shantung.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11
By Air

Japan, Canada, U.S.A., 8 a.m.; by C.P.A.L. Formosa, 10 a.m.; C.A.T. Formosa, Okinawa, 5 p.m.; H.K. Airways.

By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Tak Shing/Panama.

By Ship
Singapore, 8 a.m.; 8 p.m.; ss Shantung.

Radio Hongkong

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"Time for Music" (BBCIS) 6.02.
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The BBC West of England Light Orchestra conducted by Frank Cantelli: 6.30. Cantata by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai Lan & S. Lee. (Studio) 6.30. Interlude: 7. Time Signal, World News and News Analysis (London Relay): 7.15. New Concerts: Orchestra of the "Down Memory Lane" presented by Allen Woods (Studio): 7.30. Weather Report: 8. From the Editor's (Recorded Relay): 8.10. "Box 200" Bert Gillette at the Console: 8.20. "Take it from Here" (BBCIS) with Joy Nichols, Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards: 9. London Studio Melodians (BBCIS): 9.30. "Music Note" presented by the Rev. Father T. P. Ryan S.J. (Studio): 10. "Musical Moments" with Miss Margaret Lee: 10.30. Song from Ireland and the West Country (BBCIS) sung by The Water Singers: 10.45. "The Music of the Radio News" (Recorded Relay): 11.0. God Save the Queen: 11.15. Close Down.

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